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Nemrut, Süphan & Ararat 10-Day Tour

Duration	10 days
Difficulty	3/5 · Moderate
Participants	4+ participants · solo travelers welcome
Season	May–September

Day-by-day program

Day 1 – Arrival in Van

Fly to Van at 1,727 metres and transfer to the hotel on Lake Van. If you wish, swim in the alkaline lake or explore Van's old castle complex. Accommodation: hotel. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 2 – Akdamar Island and Nemrut Crater

Cross Lake Van by boat to Akdamar Island and visit the tenth-century Holy Cross church. Continue to Mount Nemrut, where you can explore the crater lakes and camp at a higher location. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 3 – Nemrut Crater and Mount Süphan

Use the ascent of Mount Nemrut at about 2,935 metres as an acclimatization hike. After the descent, visit Ahlat's historic cemetery, then continue to Mount Süphan and camp at about 2,500 metres. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 4 – Mount Süphan summit

Start around 2:00 a.m. for the 1,500-metre ascent to the 4,058-metre summit of Mount Süphan. After the descent, visit Muradiye Waterfall and continue to the hotel in Doğubayazıt. Accommodation: hotel. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 5 – Ascent to Ararat Camp 1

Drive to Eli village at about 2,200 metres and ascend to the first Ararat camp at about 3,200 metres. Pack horses carry the main luggage. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 6 – Ascent to Ararat Camp 2

Move to the second camp at about 4,100 metres. Use the afternoon to prepare your equipment, explore the area around camp, and rest for the summit day. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 7 – Ararat summit day

Start around 1:00–2:00 a.m. for the five- to six-hour ascent to Mount Ararat's 5,137-metre summit. Use crampons if the upper route is icy, then descend to Camp 2 and continue to Camp 1. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 8 – Descent and İshak Paşa Palace

Descend from Mount Ararat and return to the hotel in Doğubayazıt. Rest and visit the İshak Paşa Palace in the afternoon. Accommodation: hotel. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 9 – Noah’s Ark site and hot springs

Visit the legendary Noah's Ark site near Doğubayazıt, then continue to the hot sulphur springs near the sources of the Euphrates. Accommodation: hotel. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 10 – Departure from Van

Transfer to Van airport for your return journey. Meal: breakfast.

Program Changes

Although every tour is carefully planned, unforeseen circumstances may require changes to the itinerary. These may include weather conditions, changes in local regulations, political decisions, access restrictions, or participants' health and safety needs.

Whenever possible, TAF Travel will adapt the itinerary while preserving the main character of the trip. If the original program cannot reasonably be carried out, we will make every effort to arrange a suitable alternative of comparable quality, subject to local conditions and availability.

Participants' safety remains our priority. Any necessary changes will be communicated as clearly and promptly as possible.

Included services

- State-certified mountain guide, as required in Ararat National Park
- German- or English-speaking mountain guide
- Climbing permits for Mount Ararat and Mount Süphan
- 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 and sleeping mats; single tent available for a supplement
- Excursions and entrance fees according to the program
- Crampons when required by the conditions

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 and related extra-day costs
- 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.

Full terms and conditions: https://www.taftravel.com/terms-and-conditions

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
- Broken-in hiking boots with a firm, grippy sole
- 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 layer and sun protection for the boat trip on Lake Van
- Swimwear for confirmed lake, pool or thermal-water stops
- 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 are included in the Ararat tour price

Rent or confirm with the team

- Optional equipment rental: €25 per rentable item; ask the team which items are available for your date

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