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| **TOUR NAME** | TURKIYE 11DAYS 10NIGHTS BLACKSEA + EASTERN REGION DISCOVERY  |
| **TOUR ROUTE** | TRABZON-HAMSIKOY-ERZINCAN-ERZURUM-RIZE-SAVSAT-KARS-VAN |

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| **D 01****Airplane outline** | **ISTANBUL – TRABZON: (DINNER)** * Upon arrival in Istanbul transfer to a domestic terminal and flight to Trabzon.
* We will commence with sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* Overnight in Trabzon
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| **D 02****Bus outline** | **ISTANBUL – TRABZON: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence with sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Trabzon Hagia Sophia Mosque** (Admission is not required/45min suggested time), the Hagia Sophia was established in the 13th century by the Trebizond Empire as its flagship church. And like many churches throughout Anatolia, it was later converted to a mosque by the Ottomans in the 15th century.
* **Uzungol Lake** (Admission is not required/120min suggested time), Uzungol known for its green alphine landscapes, has a look and feel quite unlike anywhere else in the country. Uzungol Lake is rife with scenic lakes and mountain villages to explore.
* Dinner and overnight in Trabzon
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| **D 03****Bus outline** | **TRABZON – HAMSIKOY – KEMALIYE: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Sumela Monastery** (Admission is included/120min suggested time), built on a slope of Karadag Mountain, Sumela Monastery is one of the defining images of eastern Turkey. The monastery appears to hover in the air 300 meters above the valley. It is one of the world’s oldest, dating back to the 4th century AD.
* **Zigana Pass** (Admission is not required/45min suggested time), Also known as Zigana Mountains or Zigana Tunnel, is a mountain pass located in northeastern Turkey. The pass sits at an elevation of around 2,032 meters (6,667 feet) above sea level and serves as a crucial transportation route connecting the Black Sea region with the inner parts of Anatolia. The pass offers opportunities for photography and enjoying the serene natural environment.
* **Karaca Cave** (Admission is included/60min suggested time), it is situated in the Köroğlu Mountains and offers a unique underground experience. The cave is formed within limestone rocks and stretches over a length of approximately 300 meters (984 feet). Visiting Karaca Cave offers an opportunity to delve into the mysterious underground world and marvel at the intricate beauty created by nature over thousands of years.
* **Hamsiköy Village** (Admission is not required/120min suggested time), known for its lush green valleys, tea plantations, and traditional village life. It is also famous for its production of a traditional Turkish dessert and Cheese. The village surrounded by verdant forests and tea gardens, Hamsiköy offers a tranquil and serene atmosphere. The traditional wooden houses and cobblestone streets add to the village's charm, creating a nostalgic ambiance.
* Dinner and overnight in Kemaliye
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| **D 04****Train outline** | **KEMALIYE – ILIC – ERZURUM BY TRAIN: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Dogu Expresi Train Journey** (Admission is included/270min suggested time), it is an enchanting journey that takes you through the heart of Anatolia, offering breathtaking views of Turkey's diverse landscapes. Train winds its way eastward, passing through charming towns, verdant valleys, and towering mountains. Immerse yourself in the local culture, enjoy the comfort of the train's cozy compartments, and create unforgettable memories along this unforgettable rail adventure.
* Dinner and overnight in Erzurum
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| **D 05****Bus outline** | **ERZURUM – RIZE: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Yakutiye Madrasa** (Admission is included/30min suggested time), it is a historical 14th century Madrasa in Erzurum, Turkey. The madrasa was built in 1310 by order of a local governor of the Ilkhanids, Hoca Yakut, and it is named after him.
* **Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque** (Admission is not required/30min suggested time), it is the first mosque built in Erzurum during the Ottoman Period, has also been a model for other Ottoman mosques built here. Commander of Suleiman the Magnificent, conqueror of Cyprus, Grand Vizier Lala Mustafa Pasha; Erzurum Beylerbeyi built the mosque in 1562 when he was in charge. There was a palace and a pedophile school next to the work belonging to Mimar Sinan, but these have not survived to the present day.
* **Çifte Minareli Medrese** (Admission is included/30min suggested time), is an architectural monument of the late Seljuk period in Erzurum City, Erzurum Province, Turkey. Built as a theological school a few years before 1265, it takes its name, Twin Minaret Madrasa, from the two fluted minarets that crown the monumental façade.
* **Rüstem Pasha Caravanserai** (Admission is included/30min suggested time), Rüstem Pasha Caravanserai, also known as Taşhan, is a caravanserai located in Yakutiye district of Erzurum, eastern Turkey, built by Ottoman statesman and grand vizier Rüstem Pasha in 1561
* **Botanik Tea Garden** (Admission is not required – outdoor walking orientation – 45min suggested time),at the summit of a steep urban hill, this unexpected little paradise is primarily a delightful teahouse beneath a big, fragrant magnolia tree, but there are other fine trees, labelled flowers and shrubs, and a scaled-down version of a tea factory with glass windows for you to peep in and see the machinery. Don't miss the splendid views across the valley to the castle and to the picturesque southern slopes, steeply fused with tea plantations.
* Dinner and overnight in Rize
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| **D 06****Bus outline** | **RIZE: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Firtina River & Old Ottoman Era Bridge** (Admission is not required/30min suggested time), we will have a brief stop at an old Ottoman-era bridge built over Rize Province’s Fitrina River. These elegant stone bridges have come to symbolize the region, and frequently make appearances on tourism posters.
* **Rize Zil Castle** (Admission is not required/90min suggested time), it is a magnificent medieval fortress perched atop a hill overlooking the Black Sea coast in Rize, With its commanding position, the castle offers panoramic views of the surrounding natural beauty, including lush green tea plantations and the azure waters of the sea. Explore the castle's ancient walls, towers, and courtyards, and delve into the region's history while immersing yourself in the stunning coastal scenery.
* **Ayder Mountain Village** (Admission is not required/120min suggested time), it is a picturesque mountain village nestled in the Pontic Alps of northeastern Turkey. Surrounded by stunning natural landscapes, Ayder is famous for its lush green valleys, cascading waterfalls, and therapeutic hot springs. Take a leisurely stroll through the village, immerse yourself in the local culture, and indulge in traditional Turkish cuisine while enjoying the tranquil ambiance of this idyllic mountain retreat.
* Dinner and overnight in Rize
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| **D 07****Bus outline** | **AYDER – ARTVIN – SAVSAT: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Artvin Double Bridge** (Admission is not required/30min suggested time), the bridge is an architectural gem, featuring two parallel stone arches that span the Coruh River. It serves as a connecting point between different parts of the city and is admired for its historical significance and aesthetic appeal. The Artvin Çifte Köprü is a popular spot for visitors to admire the river views and capture photographs of the stunning bridge and surrounding scenery.
* **Şafşat Karagol Nature Park** (Admission is not required/30min suggested time), this nature park is a paradise for nature lovers. With its serene Karagöl Lake surrounded by dense forests and picturesque mountains, it offers opportunities for hiking, picnicking, and capturing breathtaking photographs.
* **Şafşat** (Admission is not required/120min suggested time), it is a charming town nestled amidst beautiful mountains and lush green valleys. Known for its stunning natural landscapes. Immerse yourself in the local culture by visiting traditional villages, tasting authentic cuisine.
* Dinner and overnight in Safsat
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| **D 08****Bus outline** | **SAVSAT – KARS: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Cıldır Lake** (Admission is not required – outdoor walking orientation – 90min suggested time) – Anatolia’s second largest lake is located at the border with the Ardahan District and is the only body of water in Turkey to completely freeze in the winter. The freshwater lake, with a surface area of 123 square kilometers (47.5 sq mi), is a popular place to go ice fishing, ice skating, and to even take a ride across with a horse-drawn sled.
* **Bogatepe Cheese Museum** (Admission is included/60min suggested time),is a delightful destination for cheese enthusiasts and history buffs. The museum showcases the rich cheese-making heritage of the region. Visitors can explore exhibits on traditional cheese production methods, learn about the local cheese varieties, and even participate in hands-on workshops to experience the art of cheese-making firsthand.
* **Castle of Kars** (Admission is not required/90min suggested time), visitors can make their way up the hill to view the impressive fortress and its seven remaining watchtowers, four gates, shrine, ammunition depot, and small mosque that was rebuilt in the ’90s.
* Dinner and overnight in Kars
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| **D 09****Bus outline** | **KARS – ANI RUINS – DOGUBAYAZIT: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Fethiye Mosque** This active mosque started life as a 19th-century Russian church, but now sports twin minarets instead of its original onion domes. It's a curious if rather austere structure
* **Ani Ruins**(Admission is included/120min suggested time), speaking of cathedrals, no mention of Kars would be complete without discussing the stunning ruins of Ani. Located on a secluded plateau overlooking a stunning ravine that shapes the natural border between Turkey and Armenia, the ghost town of Ani has some of the world’s most striking ancient ruins. A real discovery for travelers with a knack for adventure, check out the story of amazing Ani.
* **Mighty Mountain of Ararat** (Admission is not required/20min suggested time), with an altitude of 5,137 meters, Mount Ararat is the highest mountain in Turkey. It is believed where the Noah Arks landed.
* **Noh’s Ark Museum** (Admission is included/20min suggested time), we will see the museum of Noah’s Ark during our visit at eastern part of Turkey.
* Dinner and overnight in Dogubayazit
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| **D 10****Bus outline** | **DOGUBAYAZIT – VAN: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Ishak Pasha Palace** (Admission is included/60min suggested time), probably one of the most important sites in Doğubeyazıt, the Ishak Pasha Palace is a stunning construction overlooking an expanse of wide empty landscape. Completed in 1784, the construction took over a century and was undertaken by generations of the Pasha family. Inspired by the Middle Eastern aesthetic, the ornate arches and domes all exemplify a rare example of Ottoman architecture with heavy nods at Iranian influences.
* **Ahmed-I Hani Mausoleum** (Admission is not required/30min suggested time) – Ahmed-I Hani is a wroter of Mem u Zin book, it was a monument of nationalist literature for Kurds and mobilized them politically. In the seventeenth centur, Hani possibly concerned himself only with the Kurmanci speakers, and hence his perception of the Kurds consisted mainly of the tribal Kurmancis.
* **Muradiye Falls** (Admission is not required/60min suggested time), quite the beautiful sight, the Muradiye Şelalesi (Muradian Falls) gets its name from Sultan IV Murat. Surrounded by a colorful palette of flora and fauna, the waterfalls are around 18 meters in height and were formed from volcanic rock. In the winter, the falls are even more impressive as the waters freeze and take on an appearance like the travertine terraces of Pamukkale.
* **Van Lake** (Admission is not required/90min suggested time), even though Van is Turkey’s largest lake, it has managed to stay virtually untouched without a slew of hotels or resorts on its shoreline. You’ll find sandy or pebbled beaches all around where locals take a dip in the summer, but you’ll have to bring along everything yourself as its pretty casual at the beach.
* **Citadel of Van** (Admission is included/60min suggested time), Overlooking the ruins of the 3,000-year-old town of Urartu is a colossal stone fortress called the Citadel of Van. Built between the 9th and 7th centuries BC, the Citadel of Van is the largest stone fortress there is, made from basalt (foundation) and mudbricks for the main areas.
* **Hosap Castle** (Admission is included – outdoor walking orientation – 60min suggested time), erected on a rocky outcrop on the shore of the Hosap River is a splendid medieval castle, the Hosap Castle. Local legends state that the architect of the castle, Kurdish man Mahmudi Suleyman, had his hands cutoff by the authorities so he could no longer build another castle that would rival Hosap.
* **Cavustepe** (Admission is included, 60min suggested time), Erected on a rocky outcrop on the shore of the Hosap River is a splendid medieval castle, the Hosap Castle. Local legends state that the architect of the castle, Kurdish man Mahmudi Suleyman, had his hands cutoff by the authorities so he could no longer build another castle that would rival Hosap
* Dinner and overnight in Van
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| **D 11****Bus outline** | **VAN – ISTANBUL – DEPARTURE: (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)** * After breakfast we will commence sightseeing, covering the following.
* English speaking tour director & LDC is included.
* **Van Cat Museum (House Of Van Cats)** (Admission is included/20min suggested time), The Van Cat is a special type of cat that hails from this area around Lake Van in Turkey. They have a white coat and often have one blue eye and one green one.
* **Cumhuriyet Street**
* Transfer to the airport for your flight back home, bringing back wonderful memories and superb souvenirs from your Turkish vacation
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*“Due to unforseen conditions, itinerary may be canceled and another sight may be subsitiated and replaced”*

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| **PACKAGE INCLUDES** |
| * English speaking tour director
* AC deluxe transportation with free WIFI access
* 10+1: 16 Seat Mercedes Sprinter
* 11/15+1: 27/32 Seat Half Size Isuzu Bus
* 16/45+1: 45 Seat Mercedes Big Bus
* Breakfast (10), Lunch (10), Dinner (10) as per indicated above itinerary.
* Hotel accommodations as per indicated at below table in total (10) Nights.
* Eskisehir – Erzurum Train ticket (normal seat) – ticket is subject to availability.
* Entrance fees (stated as admission is included in the itinerary)
* Parking, highway, local taxes,
* 1.5lt water during meals share for 4 pax and 0,5lt water daily per pax in the bus
* Tips for portages in and out at hotels and tips for local restaurants
* Accommodation tax %2 applicable from 01.01.2023 onwards
* 1 FOC in SNG room for tour manager after 10Pax and above.
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| **PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE** |
| * Meals, Transfers, Tours, Services Not Shown in the Program.
* Items of a Personal Nature.
* Tipping to Service Staff (Driver: 2$ per person per day, Guide: 3$ per person per day)
* Airport Porterage / Airport Trolleys.
* Required domestic flights
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| **OPTIONAL TOUR PRICES** |
| * This tour has no optional / shopping attractions.
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| **HOTELS & LAND** **ARRANGEMENTS** | **10/14+1** | **15/19+1** | **20/24+1** | **25/29+1** | **30/34+1** | **35/39+1** | **40/44+1** | **S/S** | **T/R** |
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**Above rates valid from 01.04.25 until 31.04.2025**

**The Above Rates are in $ (USD) Per Person, Net, Sharing a Double/Twin Room**

**At above tour no shopping / no optional applicable.**

**Important Remarks:**

* +1 Refers to Free of Charge in a Single Room
* S/S Refers to Single Supplement, T/R Refers to Triple Reduction
* The above is just an offer, and no availability has been checked.
* No Space is Held Actual Availability at the Time of the Booking.
* Actual availability and rates are subject to change and can be reconfirmed only at the time of the booking.
* In case VAT, entrance fees, sites’ opening times etc alter, quotation’s rates and program may be modified accordingly.
* Due to unforseen weather conditions, itinerary may be canceled and another destination sight may be subsitiated

**Child Remarks: Child reduction is applicable with following conditions:**

* Infants aged 0-2 years old are free of charge.
* Children aged 3-11 years old receive a 20% reduction if they share a room with 2 adults.
* Children aged 3-11 years old do not receive a reduction if they stay with 1 adult in the same room.
* Children aged 12 years old and above are considered adults and do not receive a reduction.
* The number of children cannot exceed 10% of the actual group size. If this is the case, a new calculation is required.