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12D9N PEARL OF THE BLACK SEA TÜRKİYE + GEORGIA

BATUMI, AYDER, RIZE, UZUNGOL, TRABZON, GİRESUN, ORDU,
SAMSUN, AMASYA, SAFRANBOLU, AMASRA, ZONGULDAK

Tour Code: 12XBS



TÜRKİYE



GEORGIA

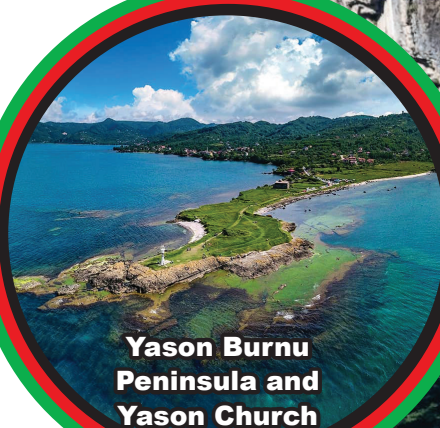


HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Cayeli Tea Garden
- Visit Boztepe by Cable Car
- FREE Turkish Rice Pudding
- Tavşan Adası "Rabbit Island" Boat Tour
- Shopping at Safranbolu Bazaars



Kemere Bridge



Yason Burnu
Peninsula and
Yason Church

Sumela Monastery



Ali and Nino Statue



Ayder Mountain Plateau



Uzungol Lake



SCHEDULE

D1

KUALA LUMPUR → ISTANBUL (11H40M++)

D2

ISTANBUL → BATUMI (1H55M)

(MOB/L/D)

- Batumi Botanical Garden (Entrance Included)
- Petra Fortress (Entrance Included)
- Europe Square (Walking Orientation)
- Alphabetic Tower (Photo Stop)
- Ali and Nino Statue (Photo Stop)
- Batumi Pirate Boat Tour (Ticket Included)

D3

BATUMI

(B/L/D)

- Gonio Fortress (Entrance Included)
- Makhuntseti Waterfall (Entrance Included)
- Piazza Square (Walking Orientation)
- Agro Cable Car (Ticket Included)

D4

BATUMI – AYDER (123KM, 2H45M) – RIZE (100KM, 2H)

(B/L/D)

- Ayder Mountain Plateau (Photo Stop)
- Gelintülü Waterfall (Photo Stop)
- Cayeli Tea Garden (Visit)
- Tea Market (Çay Çarşısı) (Photo Stop)
- Rize Castle (Visit)

Shopping: Turkish Black Tea Shop (Visit)

D5

RIZE – UZUNGOL (71KM, 1H10M) – TRABZON (97KM, 1H30M)

(B/L/D)

- Uzungol Lake (Photo Stop)
- Hagia Sophia Mosque (Visit)
- Boztepe Hill (Photo Stop)

D6

TRABZON

(B/L/D)

- Sumela Monastery (Entrance Included)
- Hamsikoy Village (Photo Stop)
- FREE Turkish Rice Pudding
- Karaca Cave (Entrance Included)

D7

TRABZON – GİRESUN (130KM, 1H45M) – ORDU (49KM, 1H)

(B/L/D)

- Tripolis Castle (Photo Stop)
- Giresun Castle (Photo Stop)
- Boztepe by Cable Car (Ticket Included)
- Orchard Garden (Visit) *Kiwi/Hazelnut - type of fruits subject to seasonality
- Yason Burnu Peninsula and Yason Church (Photo Stop)



HERITAGE



HISTORICAL



FAMILY



SCENIC



LEISURE



SHOPPING

BATUMI

- **Batumi Botanical Garden** - Is not only the most beautiful garden in Georgia, but also one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in the world. A variety of plants from different continents and climates, as well as a stunning location on a green cape with a magnificent view of the Black Sea, make the Batumi Botanical Garden a special place.
- **Petra Fortress** - Is located in village Tsikhisdziri. It was a fortified town on the eastern Black Sea coast. In the 6th century, under the Byzantine emperor Justinian I, it served as an important Eastern Roman outpost in the Caucasus and, due to its strategic location, became a battleground of the 541–562 Lazic War between Rome and Sasanian Persia (Iran).
- **Ali and Nino Statue** - The story, first told in the 1937 Austrian novel, Ali and Nino, is a familiar tale of lovers who end up in tragic circumstances that keep them apart. As opposed to warring families, in Ali and Nino's case, it was the first World War. Ali, an Azerbaijani Muslim, falls in love with Georgian princess, Nino, but sadly, after they are finally able to get together, the war hits home and Ali is killed. The doomed lovers that inspired the colossal automated statue named after them, which now stands by the seashore of Batumi.

AYDER

- **Ayder Mountain Plateau** - Situated at an altitude of 1350 meters, is surrounded by lush forests of spruce and beech trees. The plateau is known for its stunning landscapes, including cascading waterfalls, meadows filled with wildflowers, and panoramic mountain views.

UZUNGOL

- **Uzungol Lake** - Meaning "Long Lake" is located in the southeast of Trabzon, in the Caykara district, north-eastern Türkiye, on the Black Sea. It was named after a village on the lake coast. Uzungol Lake has stunning beauty, located in a valley between the high mountains and surrounded by charming nature with dense trees, greenery, and high mountains.

TRABZON

- **Sumela Monastery** - Is a monastic complex built into the rock cliffs of the Altmder Valley. Its construction began in 385 AD; and continued until the 19th century. Barnabas, a monk from Athens and his nephew Sophronios built the section which comprised the first two rooms of the monastery in rocks. The Byzantine Emperor Justinian (AD 527-568) ordered the enlargement of the monastery. The monastery was looted and burnt by the Byzantines in AD 650. However the Comnenids restored and enlarged the monastery. The monastery with its 72 rooms and a rich library, lived its most flourishing time during the period of Alexios III 8 Michael I.

It may become unvisitable due to heavy snowfall in winter.

- **Karaca Cave** - The cave is one of the favorite places of Gümüşhane and offers a unique experience to visitors. The cave has a fascinating atmosphere with its natural beauty underground. Dripstone forms, stalactites, stalagmites and other natural formations display the magnificence and complexity of the cave. As the cave has got different types of rock and minerals it was considered a wonder but the different layers glitter and sparkle throughout the cave making it breathtaking to behold.

Karaca Cave is only open on weekends during the winter season due to regional harsh winter conditions.



Karaca Cave



Boztepe by Cable Car



Amasya

D8

ORDU – SAMSUN (149KM, 2H15M) – AMASYA
(127KM, 2H) (B/L/D)

- Bandirma Ship Museum (Entrance Included)
- Pontic Kings Rock Tombs (Entrance Included)
- Yeşilirmak River (Photo Stop)

D9

AMASYA – SAFRANBOLU (363KM, 5H30M) – AMASRA
(92KM, 1H30M) (B/L/D)

- Yoruk Koyu "Nomad Village" (Visit)
- View Safranbolu Old Town from Hidirlik Hill (Entrance Included)
- Koprulu Mehmet Pasa Mosque & Metal Sundial (Visit)
- Cinci Han "Caravanserai" (Visit)
- Safranbolu Bazaars "Yemeniciler Arastasi" (Shopping)

Shopping: Chocolate Museum (Visit) & Turkish Delight Store (Visit)

D10

AMASRA – ZONGULDAK (63KM, 1H15M) – ISTANBUL
(416KM, 5H45M) (B/L/D)

- Küçük Liman Beach (Photo Stop)
- Amasra Museum (Closed on Monday) (Entrance Included)
- Kemere Bridge (Photo Stop)
- Amasra Castle Walls (Visit)
- Tavşan Adası "Rabbit Island" Boat Tour (Ticket Included)
- Ruins of the ancient city of Tios (Entrance Included)

D11

ISTANBUL → KUALA LUMPUR (10H40M++)
(B/-/MOB)

- Free at Leisure until Departure

D12

ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR

★★★★★ **HIGHLIGHTS** ★★★★★

- ✓ Petra Fortress presents not only a breathtaking historical site but also a vantage point offering stunning views of the Black Sea.
- ✓ Uzungöl, its village and picturesque landslide set lake is considered the most beautiful one with stunning nature
- ✓ Boztepe is known for the stunning views of Ordu and Black Sea
- ✓ Amasya is famous for ancient royal tombs sit high on the cliff
- ✓ Visit to the iconic greek orthodox Sumela Monastery nestled in the exotic Pontic mountains along the Black sea coastline
- ✓ Hamsikoy, famous for its natural beauty and rice pudding, and explore one of the beautiful villages of the Black Sea
- ✓ Karaca Cave, one of the most beautiful natural landmarks in Trabzon, Turkey
- ✓ Safranbolu a charming town in Türkiye renowned for its well-preserved Ottoman architecture and historical significance
- ✓ Cinci Han is one of the most prominent and well-preserved caravanserais in the historic district of Safranbolu
- ✓ Visit the bustling Safranbolu Bazaar, where you can find a variety of local products, including spices, traditional Turkish sweets, handicrafts, and textiles

GIRESUN

- **Giresun Castle** - Is a fortress built in the second century BC in what is now Giresun Province in the Black Sea region. Visitors will find, when visiting the area, most of the castle walls, some of its roof, several rooms and doors. Visitors come to the castle to learn about the history of the area, as well as to enjoy the majestic views of the Black Sea, as the castle is located in an elevated area of the city.

AMASYA

- **Pontic Kings Rock Tombs** - Located in Amasya, northern Turkey, are rock-carved tombs of different sizes, forming the royal necropolis of the Pontic kings who ruled Amasya in the Hellenistic period from 333 BC to 26 AD were carved into the steep limestone slopes on the outskirts of the Castle. The site was added to the tentative list in the cultural category of UNESCO World Heritage Site on April 13, 2014.area of the city.

SAFRANBOLU

- **Safranbolu** - Is a town in Karabük Province in the Black Sea region of Türkiye. Safranbolu was added as UNESCO World Heritage-listed town in northwestern Türkiye known for its well preserved Ottoman-era architecture. The town's name, "Safranbolu," is derived from "safran," which means saffron, as the town was historically a center for saffron cultivation and trade. The saffron fields may still be found in the surrounding countryside.



4+5 ★ **HOTEL (9 NIGHTS)**

✓ BATUMI	X 2 NIGHTS
✓ RIZE	X 1 NIGHT
✓ TRABZON	X 2 NIGHTS
✓ ORDU	X 1 NIGHT
✓ AMASYA	X 1 NIGHT
✓ AMASRA	X 1 NIGHT
✓ ISTANBUL	X 1 NIGHT

*Hotel category – Some hotels may not have specific Twin or Double room types.

- Single Room – Single Bed
- Twin Room – 2 Single Bed
- Double Room – 1 Queen Size Bed (2 single bed combine as 1 queen size bed)
- Triple Room – Built in Bed (3 Single bed or 1 Double + 1 Single bed) or the 3rd bed will be sofa bed or roll in bed



- ✓ 9 Breakfast / 9 Lunch / 9 Dinner
- ✓ Mixtures of Buffet, Local Cuisine
- In Türkiye:** Chicken Kebab, Kuyu Kebab, Pide (Turkish Pizza), Kofte (Meatballs), Kuymak, Peruhi, Gözleme, Sarma, Hamsi (Anchovy), Mezgit (Haddock) and Fried Calamari, Baklava, Turkish Rice Pudding
- In Georgia:** "Ojakhuri" – Fried potato with pork, "Shkmeruli" – Chicken in a sauce, "Khachapuri" – Pie with cheese, "Chakhokhbili" – Chicken with tomatoes

★★★★★ **SHOPPING STOP** ★★★★★

- ✓ Turkish Black Tea
- ✓ Chocolate
- ✓ Turkish Delight

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