



KACKAR MOUNTAINS

TREKKING IN THE
PONTIC ALPS

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10 Days 9 Nights



Intermediate



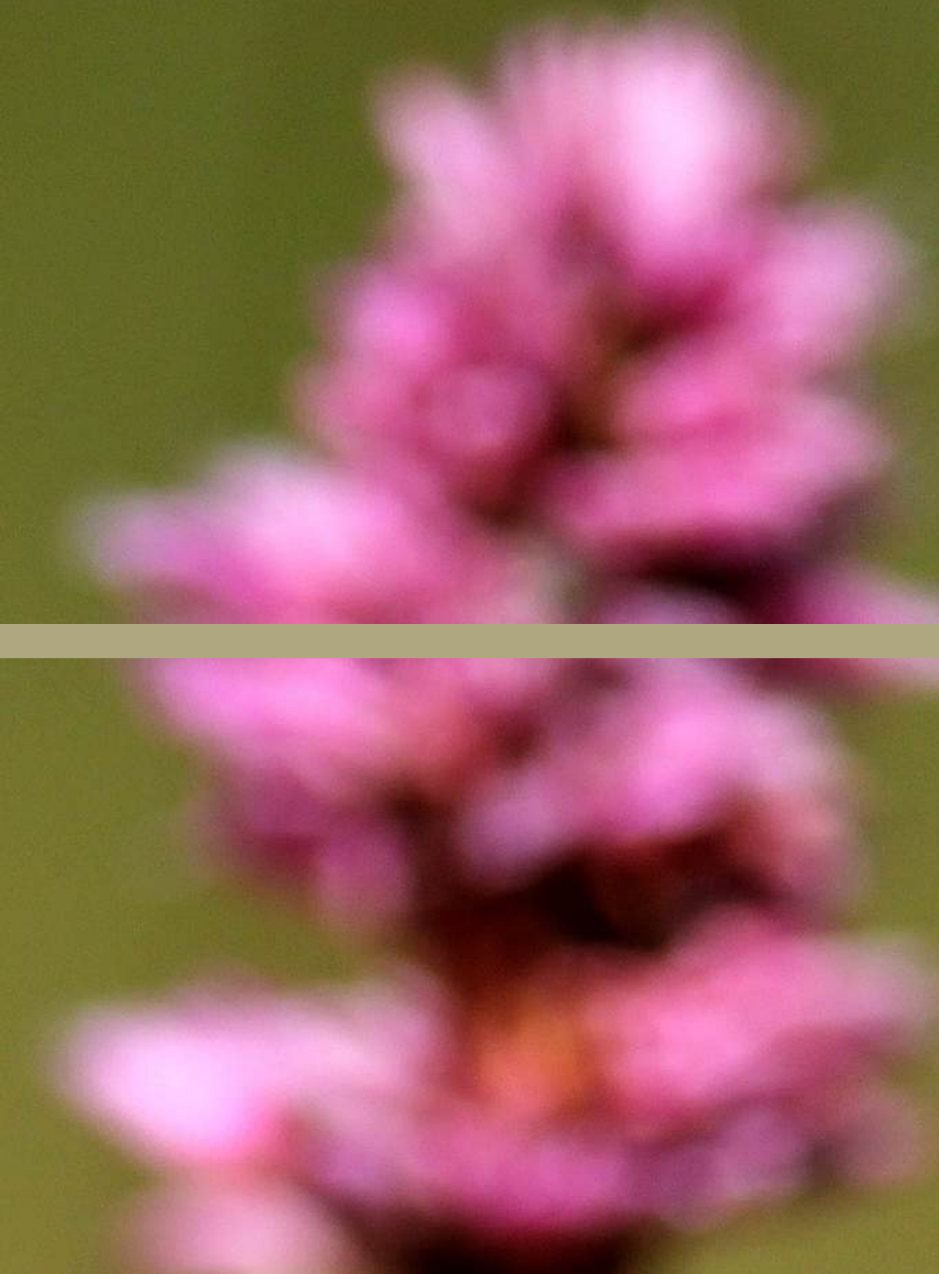
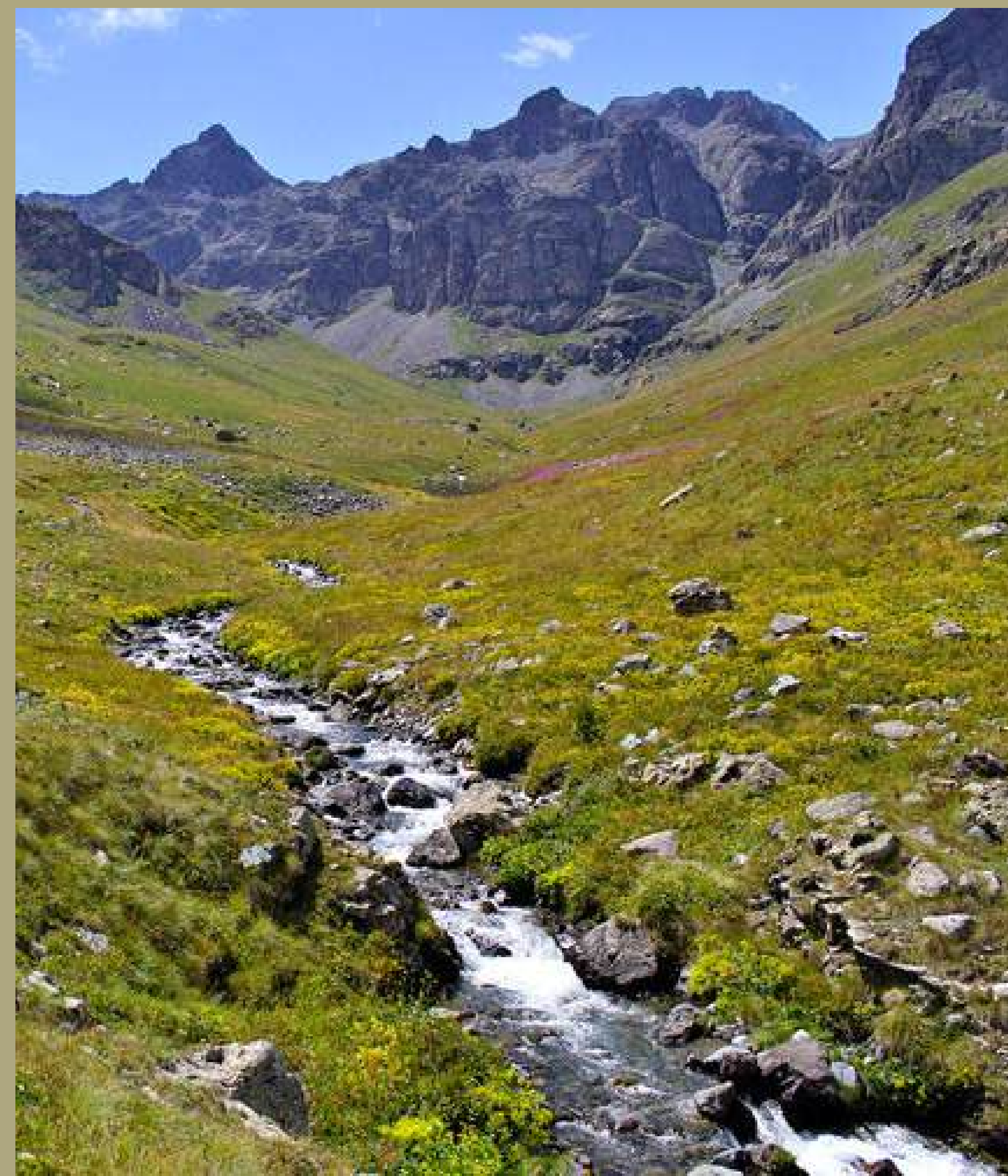
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KACKAR TURKEY

The Pontic Alps



One of the biodiversity hotspots in the world with nearly 700 species of plants, and 50 of them being endemic, trekking the Kackar Mountains National Park is a gorgeous experience of the alpine mountain range in North-Eastern Turkey, a gateway to the Caucasus Mountains. Explore this remote corner of Turkey on foot. Experience the colourful hospitality of the Hemşin and Laz people of the area. Tasty food, glacier valleys, ice-bridges, waterfalls, alpine meadows, spruce, and beech forests are some of the reasons which make this trip outstanding.



ITINERARY

- **DAY 1:** ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL
- **DAY 2:** EXPLORE ISTANBUL
- **DAY 3 :** FLY TO ERZURUM. TRANSFER TO YAYLALAR
- **DAY 4:** DAY HIKE TO MODUT VALLEY
- **DAY 5:** TREK TO DILBERDUZU CAMPSITE
- **DAY 6 :** TREK TO BIG SEA LAKE & KACKAR SUMMIT
- **DAY 7 :** TREK ACROSS THE KACKAR TO THE BLACK SEA REGION
- **DAY 8 :** DAY AT A BLACK SEA VILLAGE THEN RETURN TO ISTANBUL
- **DAY 9 :** FOOD WALK & CULINARY DELIGHTS OF ISTANBUL
- **DAY 10:** DEPART ISTANBUL

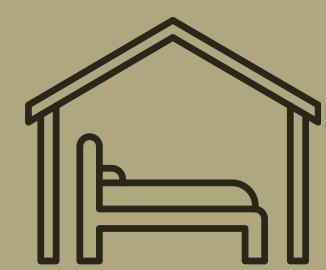




ITINERARY

DAY 1 : ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL

Arrive in Istanbul, the bustling Turkish Capital spread over the two continents of Europe & Asia. Your guide will meet you at the 'Cup & Clouds' cafe in the arrival lounge after clearing customs to transfer you to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, we might take you for a short walking tour near the Golden Horn and the Galata Bridge. We end the day with a welcome dinner together before embarking on our Turkish adventure.



The Haze Istanbul

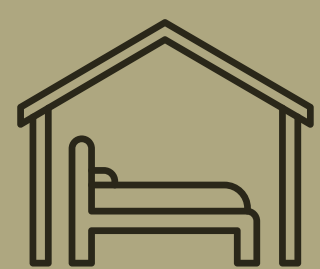


Breakfast, Lunch
& Dinner

ITINERARY

DAY 2 : A DAY IN ISTANBUL

We start our day with a visit the glorious highlights from the times of Constantinople. We visit Topkapi Palace followed by walks to the other splendid relics such as 400-year-old Sultanahmet Mosque (Blue Mosque), and 2000-year-old Roman Hippodrome and the Underground Cistern. We'll also visit the Hagia Sophia Church, built in the first half of the 6th century by Emperor Justinianus. At the end of the day, we walk to the Grand Bazaar, with 500 years old history and 4000+ shops.



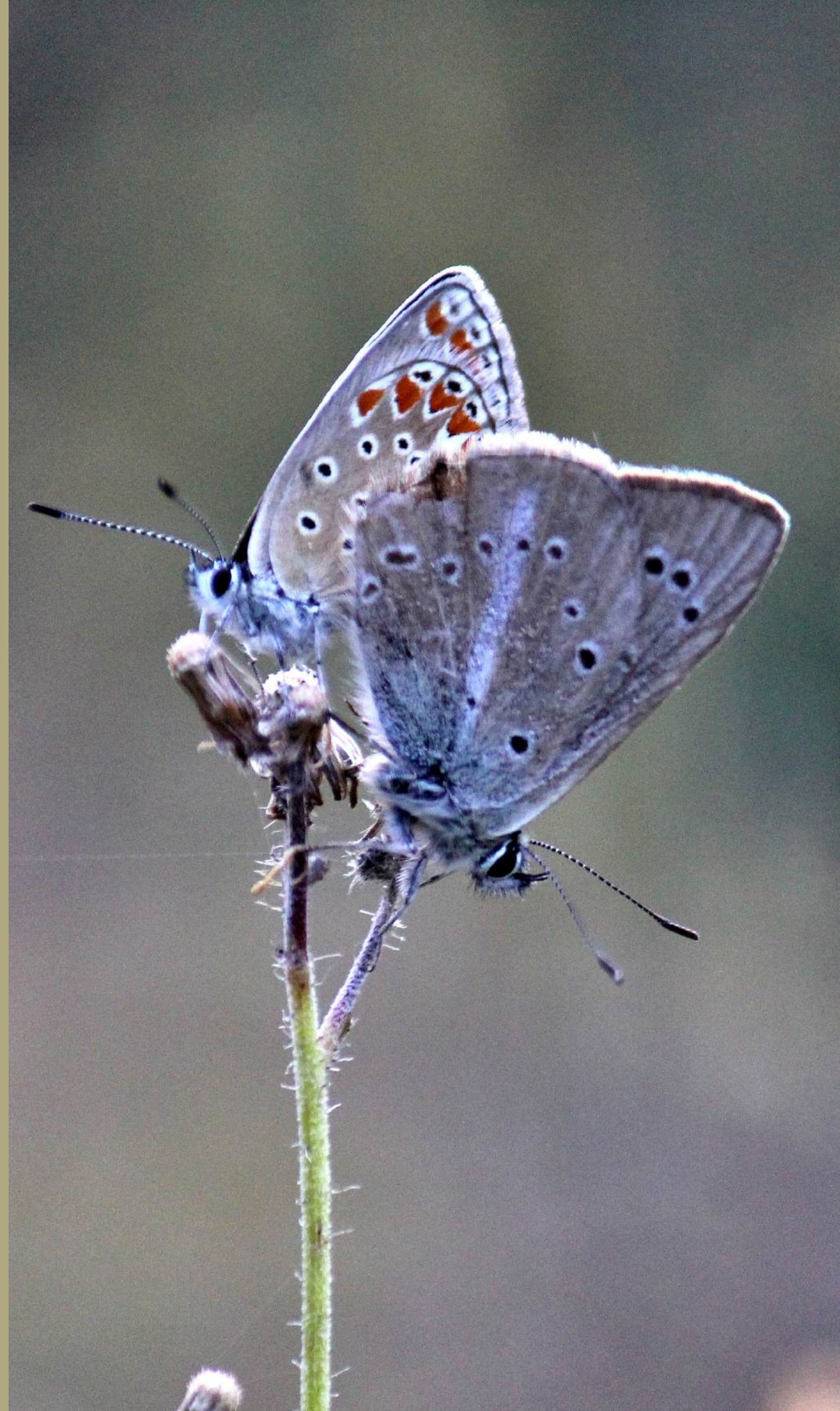
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Breakfast, Lunch
& Dinner



3-4 hours




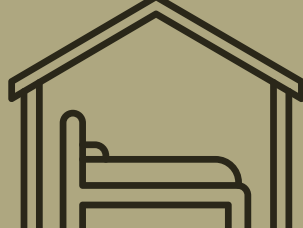






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DAY 3 : FLY TO ERZURUM. TRANSFER TO YAYLALAR

We take an early morning flight (0555 hrs) from Istanbul to Erzurum from where we make the drive to Yaylalar Village on the southern side of the Kackar mountain range. We should be in the village in time for lunch, following which we take a very scenic warm-up hike to the Kör Ahmetler Village - 4 hours round trip.

	1 hr 40 mins		4 hrs 30 mins		Max: 2550 m Min: 2000 m
	<u>Yaylalar Çamyuva</u> <u>Pansiyon</u>		Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner		4 hrs

DAY 4 : DAY HIKE TO MODUT VALLEY

Get your trekking groove on as we spend our day by hiking to the beautiful Modut Valley nestled in the Kackar range. It is a full day of hiking and we will be having packed picnic lunch for this day on the hike.

	<u>Yaylalar Çamyuva</u> <u>Pansiyon</u>		Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner		Max: 2300 m Resting: 2000m		6-7 hrs 13 kms
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ITINERARY

DAY 5 : TREK TO DILBERDUZU CAMPSITE

We make a short 5-10-minute-long drive to Olgunlar Village (2200 m) from where we start our walk towards the Dilberdüzü camp site (2900 m), via Nastaf Pastures. The trek goes through a spectacular glacier valley on a steep trail. Our gear is carried up to the camp by mules and we should arrive at our campsite for a hot lunch.



Camping in
dome tent



Max: 2900 m
Resting: 2900m



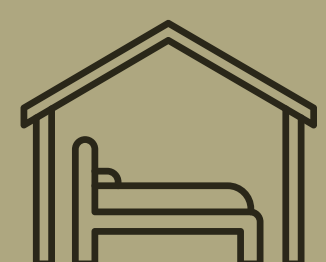
Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



4 hrs
7 kms

DAY 6 : TREK TO BIG SEA LAKE & KACKAR SUMMIT

A long day as we make our way to the Karckar summit. The first leg of the climb usually taking about 1.5 hours gets us to Big Sea Lake (3500 m). From here we continue upwards for another 3-4 hours to reach the Kackar summit (4000 m), our highest point. We descend back to Dilberdüzü camp site (2900 m) for a hot lunch, following which we descend all the way back to Olgunlar village.



Olgunlar Kaçkar
Pansiyon



Max: 4000 m
Resting: 2200m



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner

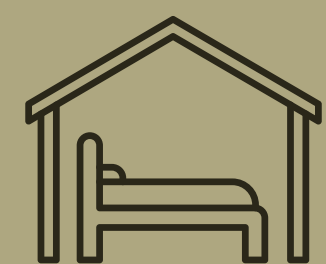


6 hrs
10 kms

ITINERARY

DAY 7 : TREK ACROSS THE KACKAR TO THE BLACK SEA REGION

Today we'll trek from Eastern Anatolia to The Black Sea Region over a 3200 m high pass. The weather to the pass should be dry and clear, typical of Souther Kaçkars. However, after the pass you can expect it to be wetter. It will be a long day on the trail with packed lunches to serve us. The sea of wildflowers and the view of the peaks on this day are extremely rewarding. We descend 2 km to Çeymakcur lake from and board our minivan to drive an hour to our hotel.



Moi Hotel



8 hrs
12 kms



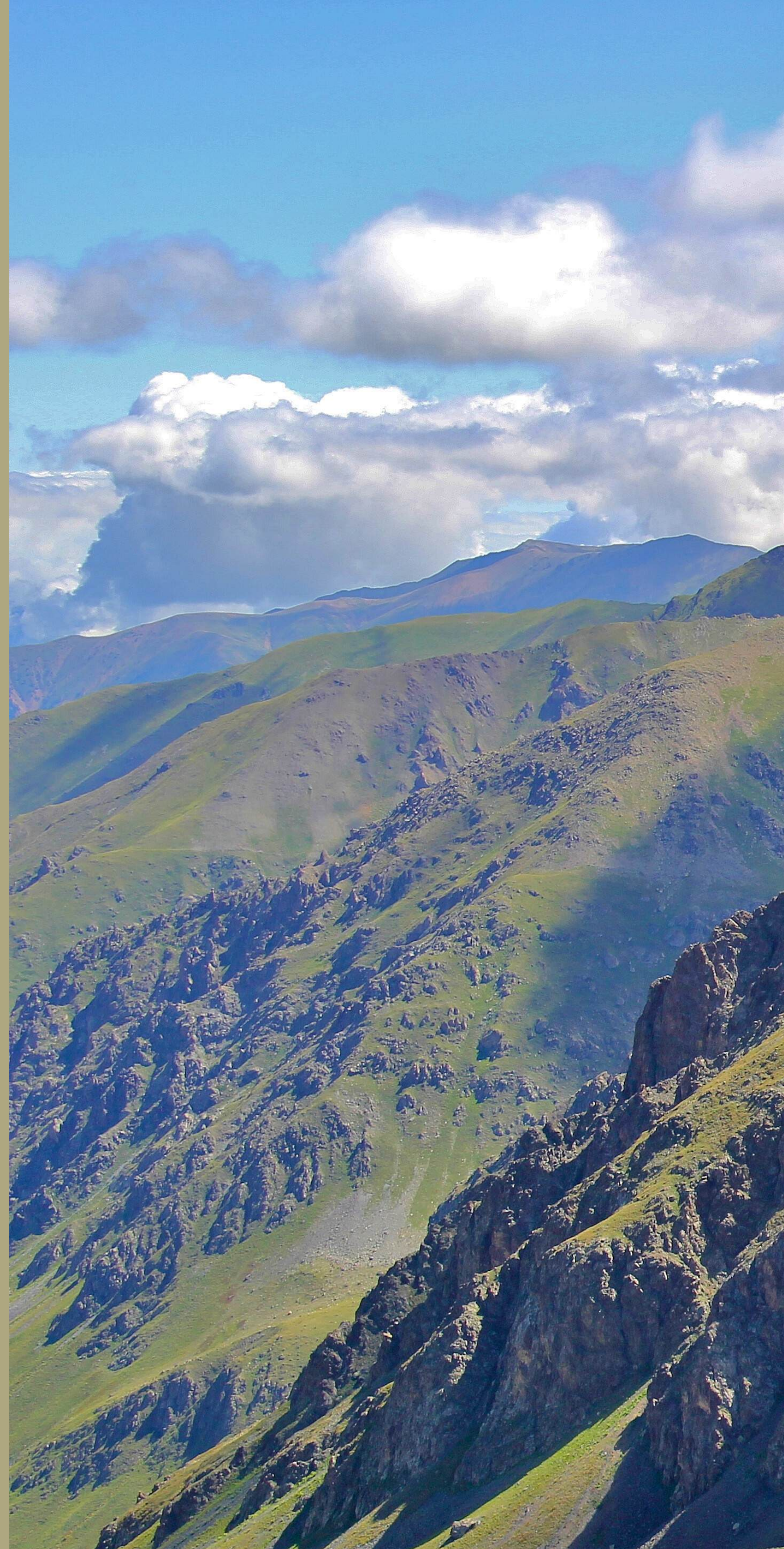
Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



Max: 3200 m
Resting: 380m



1 hr

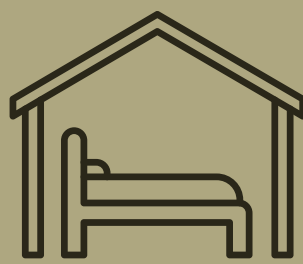




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DAY 8 : DAY AT A BLACK SEA VILLAGE THEN RETURN TO ISTANBUL

Immerse yourselves into the culture and life of a typical Black Sea Village. We drive 45 minutes to the foothills of Karaağaç (Raşot) Village and hike its center. We pass through the beautiful tea plantations and even socialize with the locals. Our village experience culminates with a local meal, following which we make our way to Rize - Artvin airport for a return flight to Istanbul.



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Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



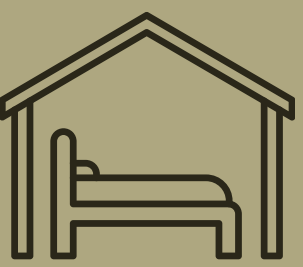
4 hrs | 4.5 kms



45 mins

Day 9 : FOOD WALK & CULINARY DELIGHTS OF ISTANBUL

Street food is an integral part of Istanbul's culinary culture, reflecting its rich history and diverse influences. Being at the crossroads of all trade routes and cultures, Istanbul offers a wide variety of street food, influenced by Turkish, Ottoman, Middle Eastern, and Mediterranean cuisines. You can find everything from kebabs and köfte (meatballs) to börek (savory pastries), simit (sesame bread rings), and gözleme (thin, savory Turkish flatbread).



The Haze Istanbul



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner

ITINERARY

Day 10 : Depart from Istanbul

The final day. Our trip end with a transfer to Istanbul airport for your return flights home.



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner





PRICE

USD 3400/-
per PAX

The pricing is for a group size of
6-7 people

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for 09 nights on DBL as per the itinerary
- Meals as per the plan
- All Transfers as per the plan
- All tours and cultural experiences as per the plan
- All permits and fee
- Camping fee
- Banjara Team Lead / Guide from India
- Services of certified guiding teams including locals
- Comprehensive First Aid kit including an oxygen cylinder

EXCLUSIONS

- GST 5%
- TCS 5-20%
- Insurance
- Tips (approximately US\$ 250/- per PAX)
- Personal gear and equipment
- Single Room / Tent Supplement. US\$ 600/- per PAX
- Meals and beverages outside of the plan
- Expenses arising out of unforeseen natural circumstances or sicknesses
- Trip Extensions
- Flights and visas



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