

Black Sea Coastal Escape: Nature, Tea Plantations & Wildlife

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 Destination
Turkey

 Duration
5 Nights 6 Days

 Starting from
Rs. 69,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

 Trabzon · 1N

 Uzungöl · 1N

 Ayder Plateau · 1N

 Rize · 1N

 Artvin / Borçka Karagöl area · 1N

Overview

A carefully crafted 5 nights / 6 days Turkey Family package that explores the lush North-eastern shorelines of Türkiye. This Turkey tour package focuses on verdant tea plantations, dramatic coastal mountains, traditional Black Sea villages and wildlife-rich biospheres. Perfect for families and nature lovers, the itinerary blends gentle hikes, cultural visits and easy-paced scenic drives.

Highlights:

- Sumela Monastery & Altındere Valley National Park
- Uzungöl lakeside village and scenic boardwalk
- Ayder Plateau – meadows, wooden houses & mountain streams
- Rize tea plantations & tea-tasting experience
- Borçka Karagöl and Camili Biosphere Reserve wildlife spotting

Note: This package is designed for moderate activity levels suitable for travelers of all ages; optional adventure activities (white-water rafting, canyoning) can be added on request.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation in 3–4-family-friendly hotels (single/double/twin occupancy options)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 guided dinners
- ✓ All transfers and comfortable private vehicle with English-speaking driver
- ✓ Licensed local guide for selected days (Sumela, Ayder, Rize tea tour, Borçka)
- ✓ Entrance fees to listed national parks and Sumela Monastery
- ✓ Tea plantation visit & tasting experience
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Türkiye
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions and optional activities (white-water rafting, canyoning)
- ✗ Tips/gratuities for local staff and guides
- ✗ Any incidental charges at hotels
- ✗ Note: Optional adventure activities and family-friendly upgrades can be arranged on request.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Orientation & Trabzon Highlights

Arrival at Trabzon Airport and transfer to your hotel. After check-in, enjoy a relaxed orientation walk and discover the city's coastal charm. Visit the Atatürk Mansion for panoramic views, stroll through the Trabzon Bazaar and taste local Black Sea appetizers. Evening welcome dinner featuring regional cuisine.

Tip: If arriving early, a short walk along the coastal promenade is a gentle introduction to the region.

Day

2

Sumela Monastery & Transfer to Uzungöl

Drive into lush mountains to Altındere Valley National Park and visit the iconic Sumela Monastery (built into the cliff). Enjoy light walking on forested trails and photography stops. Continue to the enchanting lakeside village of Uzungöl for late afternoon arrival and a peaceful lakeside stroll.

Important: Some walking on uneven paths is required to reach Sumela. Comfortable shoes recommended.

Day

3

Uzungöl Morning & Firtına Valley to Ayder Plateau

Morning boardwalk stroll around Uzungöl; free time for photos and local tea. Drive along scenic mountain roads into Firtına Valley – stop at viewpoints and small waterfalls. Arrive at Ayder Plateau in the afternoon: explore traditional wooden homes, mountain streams and easy meadow walks.

Optional: Family-friendly short hikes or a gentle village walk to meet local villagers.

Day

4

Ayder Exploration & Rize Tea Plantation Experience

Morning exploration of Ayder – enjoy panoramic viewpoints and a light mountain hike. Travel to Rize in the afternoon for an immersive tea plantation tour. Visit a working tea garden, learn about tea processing and enjoy an authentic tea-tasting session with local hosts.

Note: This is a highlight for families – children can see how tea is grown and sample local snacks.

Day

5

Borçka Karagöl & Camili Biosphere Wildlife Visit

Full day excursion toward the Artvin region with a visit to Borçka Karagöl — a serene mountain lake surrounded by dense forest. Continue to the Camili Biosphere Reserve for wildlife spotting, birdwatching and short nature walks among endemic flora. Return to the Borçka/Artvin area for an overnight stay.

Tip: Early mornings are best for birdwatching; bring binoculars and a light jacket.

Day

6

Return to Trabzon & Departure

Morning transfer back toward Trabzon. En route stop for scenic viewpoints and last-minute shopping for local products (tea, honey, traditional handicrafts). Arrive at Trabzon Airport for departure.

Important: Departure time dependent on your flight. We recommend an afternoon or evening flight to allow a relaxed return drive.

🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

🔗 What is the best time to visit Turkey and what weather can I expect?

The best time to visit Turkey is during the shoulder seasons: April–June and September–October, when temperatures range from 18–28°C with pleasant weather ideal for sightseeing. Summer (June–August) is perfect for coastal areas but can be hot inland, with temperatures reaching 30–38°C. Winter (December–March) is excellent for skiing and fewer crowds, but central regions like Cappadocia can be very cold (–5 to 5°C) with snow. Istanbul experiences a temperate climate year-round. Spring offers blooming tulips and mild weather, while autumn provides clear skies perfect for photography and hot-air ballooning. Coastal areas remain warm through October, making it ideal for extended beach time.

🔗 How can I reach Turkey from India and what are the main airports?

Most Indian travelers reach Turkey by air, with frequent direct and one-stop flights from major Indian cities. The main gateway is Istanbul Airport (IST) on the European side, with Sabiha Gökçen (SAW) on the Asian side as an alternative. Other key airports include Antalya (AYT) for beach destinations, Izmir (ADB) for Ephesus, and Kayseri (ASR) or Nevşehir (NAV) for Cappadocia. Airlines like Turkish Airlines, Air India, and Gulf carriers offer good connections via Dubai, Doha, or direct routes. Flight time is typically 6–8 hours direct or 8–12 hours with one stop. Book in advance for better deals, especially during peak seasons (summer and festivals).

❓ **What are the visa requirements for Indian citizens visiting Turkey?**

Indian passport holders generally need a visa to enter Turkey. Many Indians apply through VFS Global centers in major Indian cities for a tourist visa. Some may be eligible for an e-Visa if they hold valid US, UK, or Schengen visas, but eligibility criteria change frequently. The process typically takes 5-10 working days and requires documents like passport photos, bank statements, hotel bookings, and return flight tickets. Visa fees vary based on duration and type. It's crucial to check the official Turkish Embassy website or consulate for current requirements, as policies update regularly. Apply well in advance of your travel dates to avoid any delays.

❓ **What are the best local transportation options within Turkey?**

Turkey offers excellent transportation networks. In Istanbul, use the rechargeable Istanbulkart for metro, tram, buses, and ferries, including the cross-continental Marmaray train. Dolmuş (shared minibuses) are economical for short distances. For intercity travel, comfortable buses with reclining seats connect all major destinations. High-speed trains (YHT) link Istanbul-Ankara-Konya efficiently. Domestic flights are affordable for longer distances, especially to Cappadocia. Taxis are metered in cities; use official stands and ensure the meter runs. Car rental is popular for coastal drives, but requires an International Driving Permit. Ride-hailing apps operate in major cities. For scenic routes like the Turquoise Coast, consider renting a car for maximum flexibility.

❓ **What are the best accommodation options and areas to stay in Turkey?**

Turkey offers diverse accommodation from luxury resorts to boutique cave hotels. In Istanbul, stay in Sultanahmet for historic sites, Beyoğlu/Galata for nightlife, or Kadıköy for local culture. Luxury options include Çırağan Palace Kempinski and Four Seasons Sultanahmet. Cappadocia is famous for unique cave hotels like Museum Hotel and Argos in Cappadocia, offering authentic experiences in Göreme or Uçhisar. Antalya's Belek area features all-inclusive beach resorts like Maxx Royal and Regnum Carya. For coastal charm, Bodrum offers boutique hotels and beach clubs. Budget travelers can find quality pensions and hostels throughout. Book cave hotels in Cappadocia well in advance, especially for balloon season (April-October).

🔍 What are the must-visit attractions and places in Turkey?

Turkey's top attractions span ancient history and natural wonders. Istanbul's highlights include Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapı Palace, Grand Bazaar, and a Bosphorus cruise. Cappadocia offers surreal landscapes, cave churches at Göreme Open-Air Museum, and hot-air balloon rides. Pamukkale's white travertine terraces and ancient Hierapolis are UNESCO-listed. Ephesus near Izmir showcases magnificent Roman ruins including the Library of Celsus. Antalya combines beach relaxation with historic Kaleiçi old town. The Turquoise Coast features Ölüdeniz's blue lagoon and Butterfly Valley. Don't miss Göbekli Tepe near Şanlıurfa, the world's oldest temple complex. Each region offers distinct experiences, from Byzantine churches to Roman theaters and Ottoman palaces.

🔍 What Turkish food and cuisine should I try during my visit?

Turkish cuisine offers incredible variety, especially for vegetarians. Must-try dishes include various kebabs (Adana, Iskender), pide and lahmacun flatbreads, and extensive meze platters with hummus, ezme, and stuffed vine leaves. Vegetarian favorites include gözleme (stuffed flatbread), menemen (tomato-egg scramble), mercimek çorbası (lentil soup), and imam bayıldı (stuffed eggplant). Coastal areas excel in fresh seafood like grilled sea bass. Don't miss Turkish breakfast with cheese, olives, honey, and fresh bread. Sweet treats include baklava (especially from Gaziantep), künefe, and Turkish delight. Drink strong Turkish coffee, endless çay (tea), and refreshing ayran (yogurt drink). Many dishes are naturally vegetarian, and Turkish hospitality ensures dietary needs are accommodated.

★ Traveller Reviews



Nishant Narayan

★★★★★ 5/5

A Wonderful Culinary Exploration

The culinary exploration was fantastic! I fell in love with Turkish delights!



Yashwant Jain

★★★★☆ 4/5

Art & Culture Snapshot

Great for those who want a snapshot of Turkey's arts and culture! Definitely worthwhile.



Sakshi Verma

★★★★★ 5/5

Lovely Weather and Scenery

The weather during my trip was perfect. The scenery just made everything better!



Bhupendra Singh

★★★★★ 5/5

Unmatched Architectural Wonders

The architectural wonders of Istanbul are simply unmatched. Each mosque tells a different story.



Tanvi Soni

★★★★★ 5/5

Aleppo Pepper and Spices Tour

The spice bazaar was delightful! Came back with an assortment of spices. Can't wait to cook!

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