Trabzon

Trabzon City Classics



Tour code: TRB-TR-001

Duration: 1 day

From €12.00 / person

Starting point: Trabzon

Languages: English

Overview

Discover the cultural heritage, historical landmarks, and natural beauty of Trabzon on a full-day guided city tour. Visit the historic Hagia Sophia, Atatürk’s Mansion, Gülbahar Hatun Mosque, and Sera Lake. Enjoy traditional Black Sea cuisine and breathtaking panoramic views from Boztepe.

Your itinerary

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Turkey's Black Sea coast is surprising in many ways; Alpine forests, lush greenery of the mountain slopes, rivers and waterfalls, tea plantations, fresh fish off the sea, world's oldest cherry orchards,

billions of hazelnuts (most likely that the hazelnuts in your Nutella, chocolate bar, or hazelnut-flavored coffee come from). Trabzon is the coast's prime destination, has been around since at least 746 BC and a great base for visiting surrounding sites. If your time in Turkey is limited, the easiest way to visit Trabzon is by plane, 1064 km or 665 miles east of Istanbul.

Start your day at well-preserved 13th-century monastic church of Hagia Sophia, dedicated as a museum in 1964 and re-converted to a mosque in July 2103, home to some of Anatolia’s most outstanding frescoes. Before you rush inside, take a moment to study the finely sculpted, frieze illustrating Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Hop on board for a panoramic sightseeing drive for awesome views; the impressive Citadel of Trabzon, set on a hilltop overlooking the city below, Zagnos Bridge and Valley, pleasing central square in Ortahisar, home of the most powerful and longest-serving Ottoman Sultan, Suleyman the Magnificent. A successful military leader, he gained territory in Europe, Africa and Asia, which helped define his reign as ‘Golden Age of the Empire’. Lots of places in the city named after his name and his sultana Roxelana aka Hurrem Sultan. Find out why Ottoman Sultan Suleiman I deserved the nickname from your guide. Botanic Garden, Gulbahar Hatun Mosque and Shrine, daughter of Mehmet the Conqueror, 7th ruler of the Empire, from the famous siege of Constantinople in 1453 at age of 21. Filling your trip with tips, local insight, and fun.

We head to Sera Lake and take a break to enjoy a delicious lunch of Black Sea’s cuisine at a local restaurant, full of mouth-watering dishes, rich in cheese and smothered in butter. Clip on your helmet and — following a full safety briefing, opt to enjoy a leisurely sea-bike ride. Stopping at Ataturk's Mansion blindingly white high in the hills, built for Konstantin Kabayanidis , a wealthy Greek banking family in the Black Sea style popular in the Crimea. Ataturk stayed here during visits to the city in 1930 and 1937, and the house became a museum in 1943. It's believed he wrote part of his will here. Much of the original furniture remains in place, now a favorite venue for formal wedding photograph session. Return to your hotel before we enjoy panoramic view and taste Turkish tea in Boztepe observation deck.

Good to know

Comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing are recommended. Bring your camera to capture Trabzon’s spectacular scenery and historical landmarks.

Plan your journey

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