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# TransAnatolie TA47201: Ararat Pinnacle: TransAnatolie Alpinism (Mountaineering) Rafting and Jeep Safari in Anatolia Turkey: The Mt. Ararat Summit: 6 days

### **Mount Ararat**

is a magnificent sprawling dome whose snow covered summit is 5165m. high. It lies in Eastern Turkey near the Iranian border and is the highest mountain in Turkey. The earliest recorded mountain ascent in the world is that of Mount Ararat by Noah. Most Christians believe it is the site where Noah's Ark came to rest after the "Great Flood". A climb of Mt. Ararat is a tough walk (non-technical but requiring a good deal of stamina). The upper third of the volcano is covered in snow and

the last hundred meters to the summit can be icy requiring crampons, ski poles and maybe a rope. i

### First day: Arrival Dogubayazıt

Meeting and welcome reception at the Hotel Sim-er in Doğubayazıt. Introduction to mount climbing techniques and presentation of the Mt. Ararat by the Professional Guide. Visit Noah's Ark and that of the Ishak Pasha Palace.

Dinner and overnight is at the hotel. i

### 2nd day

After a delicious Turkish breakfast, each of the members of the climbing team is checked for climbing eligibility at the Control Centre and gets then the climbing bags and equipments. First stop is a picnic at the Village Ele of an altitude of 2200 m. Next we get our horses and mules and proceed towards our dream pinnacle at the Mt. Ararat. Horse and mule riding lasts about 5-6 hours. In the course of road one can take photographs of the yurts and the tents of transhumance. We now reach an altitude of 3200 m. We then camp here; an environment full of greenery and water.

We prepare our meals and enjoy dinner before sleep. i

### 3rd day

After a copious breakfast being composed of foods of mountains we continue to climbing and reach our 2nd camp of an altitude of 4200 m. This part of the track is hard, not easy; full of dust and stones. One feels like as the mountain goats. This hard track lasts about 3h. After 3hs of hard track, we create a camping place; one cleans the place of our tents for camping. Time to have launch. After the lunch our Guide briefs us about the Summit of Mt, Ararat (Ağrı Dağı). From here, one contemplates the Small Mt. Ararat, Doğubayazıt, together with Iran. We also see the Pinnacle of the Mount Ararat. After dinner, we rest for a while and go to sleep early to be fresh for next hard day. It is worth noting that one needs special clothing since the altitude is high and the weather is cold and dry. i

### 4th day

Today is the day of the Dream Summit. With the dawn (sometimes at 01h30 sometimes at 2h, sometimes at 3h, according to the season and time), after having carried out our last preparations, again we get under way for the Summit. Our guide is very attentive. He informs us again about the climbing process and details; the last and the most important information concerning the Summit. One walks attentively and gently. We will admire an unique exceptional landscape under the shining sun. One feels the shade of the Mt. Ararat Mount under his/her feet; it covers all the plain and one is impressed and affected deeply.

At the altitude of 4900 m. ices start. Here and there are the assembling fixed stations. One puts his/her cramps on and walks in discipline on the same line within the safety measures. The Summit is in front of you at the altitude of 5137 m. Eventually, the dream is carried out exceptionally. The climax of Europe is in front of you and emotions are everywhere. Presence of a continuous strong wind at the Pinnacle prevents one to stay a long time at the top of the Mt. Ararat. We still, however, have a downwards walk on the high plateau with ices. The de-climbing is carried out in the same discipline (but with fun) as that of climbing. Walk this time lasts 8h. It is difficult to sleep at 4200 m altitude, thus one continues to declimbing until the attitude of 3200 m.

Time to enjoy a warm delicious dinner and to rest until the next day.  $\underline{i}$ 

### 5th day

Day of return. After having dismounted the tents and equipment we take our mules and camels again. This downwards walk with mules and camels lasts about 5 hours. We finally switch over to our waiting truck. Truck brings us to our hotel within an hour.

We deserve now to celebrate the realization of our dream at our hotel. A a nice barbeque, a hot shower awaits us. Dinner and overnight is at the Hotel Sim-er in Doğubayazıt. <u>i</u>

## 6th day

After the breakfast, we leave our hotel to depart to our destinations. End of TransAnatolie Services. i

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### **Pricing includes**

- 3\* Hotel inDoğubayazıt 3\*.
- Transport (Truck-Mules-Camels)
- 2 nights in HB the Hotel Sim-er
- Guide Services: Expert of Alpinism; The Mt. Ararat climbing expert of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.
- Hébergeement in mountain BFR
- Climbing to the Mt. Ararat. i

### **Exclusive of the prices**

- Flights Europe/Turkey/Europe
- Transfers
- Airport tax, insurances, drinks and tips.
- Optional
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