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The Essential Travel Guide



Step into the heart of the Black Sea region, where whispers of ancient history blend seamlessly with the breathtaking beauty of nature. From towering mountains to serene coastlines, this captivating journey unveils both the rich cultural heritage and the natural wonders that make the Black Sea a must-see destination for every explorer.



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## Whispers of the Past and Wonders of Nature: Exploring the Black Sea Region

### Discover the Enchanting Black Sea Wonders

Nestled in the northern region of Türkiye, the Black Sea is a land of breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture. From lush green plateaus to misty mountains, cascading waterfalls, and pristine coastlines, this region is a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. Whether you are exploring the ancient Sumela Monastery in Trabzon, standing atop the Amasya Castle overlooking the Yeşilirmak River, or wandering through the historic streets of Sinop, every corner of the Black Sea offers a unique experience.

Nature lovers will be mesmerized by the region's spectacular scenery. The serene Uzungöl and the picturesque Şavşat Karagöl in Artvin invite visitors to relax in a dreamlike setting surrounded by lush forests. Meanwhile, the Kaçkar Mountains provide challenging trekking routes for adventure enthusiasts, while the Fırtına Valley and Vezirköprü Canyon offer incredible hiking and rafting opportunities. For those seeking coastal beauty, Hamsilos Bay in Sinop

and Tirebolu Castle in Giresun present breathtaking sea views and tranquil atmospheres.

Beyond its natural wonders, the Black Sea region is deeply rooted in history and tradition. The Atatürk Pavilion in Trabzon reflects a significant part of Türkiye's modern history, while the Kral Kaya Tombs in Amasya offer a glimpse into the region's ancient past. The region also boasts vibrant local markets and warm hospitality, ensuring an immersive cultural experience.

No trip to the Black Sea would be complete without tasting its unique cuisine. Dishes such as mihlama, black cabbage rolls, cornbread, and the region's beloved hamsi (anchovies) provide an authentic taste of its culinary heritage.

Whether you seek historical exploration, outdoor adventures, or simply a peaceful retreat, the Black Sea region promises an unforgettable journey through its mesmerizing landscapes and rich cultural legacy.



**1. TRABZON-Sumela Monastery:** Also known as the Virgin Mary Monastery, this historic structure is located in the Maçka district of Trabzon. Built on a steep cliff in the 4th century, it is a fascinating Greek Orthodox monastery with breathtaking views and historical significance.

**Uzungöl:** Famous for its lush greenery, waterfall, and peaceful atmosphere, Uzungöl is an ideal destination for nature lovers.

**Trabzon Hagia Sophia Museum:** Originally a Byzantine-era church, this building now serves as a museum and is renowned for its stunning frescoes.

**Atatürk Mansion:** A historic mansion where Mustafa Kemal Atatürk stayed during his visit to Trabzon.

**Zigana Mountain:** Located between Trabzon and Gümüşhane, Zigana Mountain is a popular destination for skiing in winter. It is also famous for its hiking trails and breathtaking landscapes.

**2. RIZE-Ayder Plateau:** Known for its lush forests and stunning mountain views, Ayder Plateau is a popular destination. Its rich vegetation, thermal springs, and traditional highland houses appeal to both nature enthusiasts and those seeking relaxation.

**Kaçkar Mountains:** A paradise for trekking and hiking lovers, the Kaçkar Mountains offer unique landscapes and challenging trails.

**Çamlıhemşin:** A region where you can witness every shade of green, also home to historic landmarks such as the Fırtına River and Zilkale Castle.

**3. ARTVIN-Çoruh River & Karagöl:** Surrounded by mountains, lakes, and rivers, Artvin is a natural wonder. The Çoruh River is perfect for rafting, while Karagöl captivates visitors with its peaceful scenery.

**Şavşat Karagöl:** A hidden natural wonder in the heart of lush forests, offering a tranquil and relaxing atmosphere.

**Hatila Valley National Park:** A must-visit destination for nature lovers, featuring wild landscapes, waterfalls, and rivers.

**Karagöl-Sahara National Park Borçka Karagöl**

**4. SINOP-Hamsilos Bay:** Sinop is one of the most beautiful coastal cities of the Black Sea. Hamsilos Bay is a natural wonder, ideal for walking along the shore or enjoying the calm sea.

**Sinop Castle:** A historic fortress and museum. Erfelek Waterfalls

**5. AMASYA-**Amasya is known for its Ottoman-era architecture, rock tombs, and historic houses. Exploring the city and walking through its historic streets is a delightful experience.

**Amasya Castle:** Overlooking the Yeşilirmak River, this castle stands out with its historical significance and breathtaking views.

**King Rock Tombs:** Ancient tombs located on the slopes of Harşena Mountain, offering insights into Amasya's history.

**6. SAMSUN-**Bandırma Ferry & National Struggle Park: The Bandırma Ferry played a crucial role at the beginning of the Turkish War of Independence and is now a museum in Samsun.

**Amazon Island:** Dedicated to the mythological Amazon women, this island is famous for its natural beauty and fun activities.

**Amisos Hill, Vezirköprü Canyon**

**7. GİRESUN-Göksu Travertines, Kuzalan Waterfall, Tirebolu Castle**

**8. ORDU-Boztepe, Perşembe Plateau, Ulugöl Nature Park**



## ABOUT US

We are a Turkey-based travel service provider with strong local connections, offering flexible and exclusive alternatives to traditional tour operators. Our focus is to deliver VIP, private, and customized travel experiences at competitive and dynamic prices.

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- Professional Arabic, English, and Turkish-speaking guides
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# Unforgettable Black Sea Experience

# Explore the Wonders of Black Sea: Your Journey Starts Here!

Your Black Sea adventure begins the moment you arrive! We welcome you with warm hospitality and take you on an unforgettable journey through the breathtaking landscapes of the Black Sea region. Sit back and relax in comfortable transportation as we drive you through lush highlands, historic castles, and stunning coastal views. Our professional guides share fascinating insights into the region's rich history and vibrant culture.



Discover the misty beauty of Uzungöl, step into the mystical atmosphere of the Sumela Monastery, and admire the breathtaking views from the peaks of the Kaçkar Mountains.

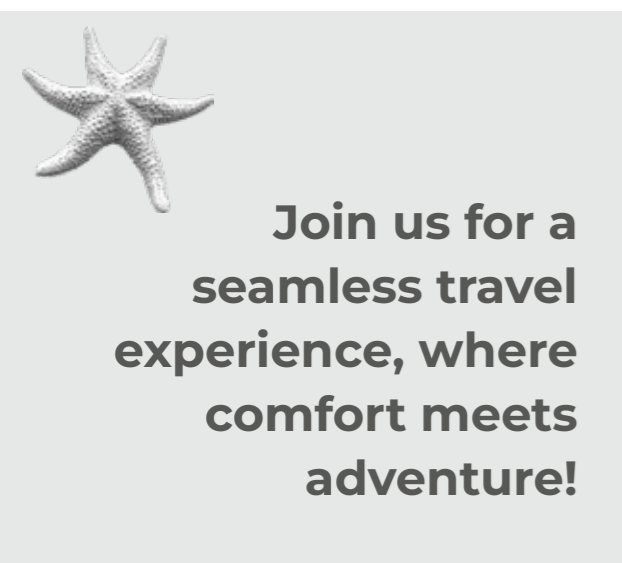
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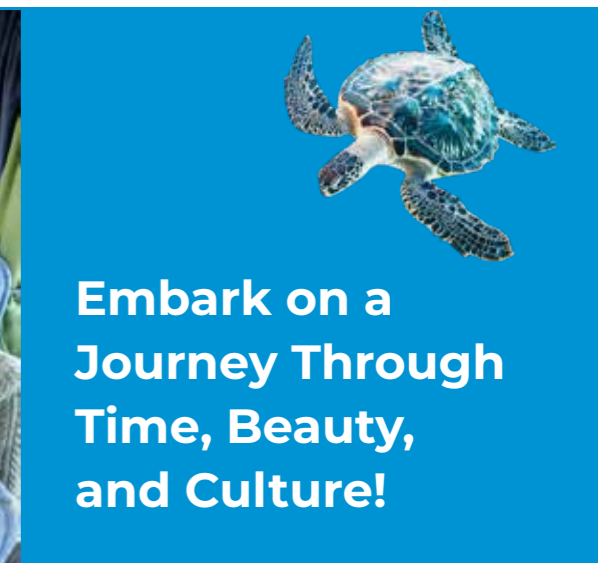
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## Sumela Monastery

## TRABZON

Located in the Maçka district of Trabzon, the Sumela Monastery, also known as the Monastery of the Virgin Mary, is perched on steep cliffs of Mount Karadağ. Founded in the 4th century, this awe-inspiring Greek Orthodox monastery offers breathtaking views and a mystical atmosphere. Visitors can explore the ancient frescoes, hidden caves, and marvel at the architectural wonder built into the rugged mountain.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Guided Historical Tours:** Learn about the monastery's rich history and its significance in the Byzantine era.

**Photography:** Capture the stunning panoramic views of the Altindere Valley.

**Hiking Trails:** Enjoy scenic hikes through lush forests leading up to the monastery.



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## Uzungöl

## TRABZON



Famous for its lush green landscapes, serene atmosphere, and cascading waterfalls, Uzungöl (Long Lake) is a paradise for nature lovers. Surrounded by wooden houses and alpine meadows, it offers a tranquil escape from city life. The region's local culture and authentic Black Sea cuisine provide a unique cultural experience.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Boat Rides:** Explore the lake by rowing boats or pedalos.

**Trekking and Nature Walks:** Discover scenic trails around the lake with spectacular mountain views.

**Local Festivals and Culture:** Participate in traditional folk dance events and taste local delicacies at the village markets.



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## Trabzon Hagia Sophia Museum

## TRABZON



Originally a Byzantine church, the Trabzon Hagia Sophia is now a museum renowned for its stunning frescoes and intricate stone carvings. It is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture and a window into the region's historical past. Situated near the coast, it also offers a serene sea view, making it a popular spot for relaxation and cultural exploration.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Cultural Tours:** Guided tours to understand the historical and religious significance of the frescoes.

**Sea View Relaxation:** Enjoy a peaceful break in the garden with panoramic views of the Black Sea.

**Photography:** Ideal for architectural and artistic photography enthusiasts.



## Atatürk Pavilion

## TRABZON

This historical mansion served as the residence of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk during his visits to Trabzon. With its elegant European architectural style and beautifully landscaped gardens, the pavilion provides a glimpse into the lifestyle of Turkey's founding father. Inside, you can see Atatürk's personal belongings, period furniture, and historical artifacts.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Historical Insight Tours:** Discover Atatürk's legacy and life through detailed exhibitions.

**Garden Walks and Picnics:** Stroll through vibrant flower gardens or enjoy a picnic with picturesque views.

**Photography:** The mansion's unique architecture and scenic setting are perfect for memorable photos.



## Zigana Mountain

## TRABZON

Located between Trabzon and Gümüşhane, Zigana Mountain is a year-round destination for adventure seekers. In winter, it transforms into a popular skiing and snowboarding hub, while summer offers hiking, mountain biking, and camping opportunities. Its breathtaking landscapes and fresh mountain air provide an ideal escape into nature.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Winter Sports:** Skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoe hiking in winter months.

**Hiking and Mountain Biking:** Explore challenging trails with panoramic views.

**Local Cuisine Experience:** Taste authentic Black Sea dishes in mountain lodges and local eateries.



## Ayder Plateau

Famous for its lush green forests and stunning mountain views, Ayder Plateau is a paradise for nature lovers and those seeking relaxation. Nestled in the heart of the Kaçkar Mountains, Ayder is known for its rich flora, traditional highland houses, and therapeutic hot springs. It offers a peaceful escape into nature's embrace, surrounded by misty hills and vibrant meadows.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Hot Springs and Spa:** Enjoy the healing properties of natural hot springs.

**Nature Walks and Hiking:** Explore scenic trails with breathtaking views.

**Local Culture and Cuisine:** Experience traditional Black Sea hospitality and taste local delicacies such as mihlama (cheesy cornmeal dish) and honey from the region's famous beehives.



## RİZE

## Kaçkar Mountains

A dream destination for trekking and nature enthusiasts, the Kaçkar Mountains offer unique landscapes with challenging hiking trails and panoramic views. Known for its majestic peaks, alpine lakes, and wildflower meadows, this region is perfect for adventurous souls. The diverse wildlife and untouched nature make it a great spot for photography and camping.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Trekking and Mountaineering:** Conquer challenging trails leading to the peaks.

**Camping and Stargazing:** Set up camp under the starry night sky in high-altitude meadows.

**Wildlife Watching and Photography:** Capture the region's unique flora and fauna, including wild goats and colorful wildflowers.



## Çamlıhemşin

## RİZE

Surrounded by lush green valleys and roaring rivers, Çamlıhemşin is a picturesque town showcasing the best of Rize's natural beauty. It is famous for its rich greenery, historical wooden bridges, and traditional village architecture. The region is also home to the Fırtına River, a popular spot for rafting and outdoor activities.

### ACTIVITIES:

**Historical Exploration:** Visit Zilkale, an ancient castle perched on a cliff with stunning valley views.

**Rafting and Adventure Sports:** Experience adrenaline-pumping rafting on the Fırtına River.

**Scenic Drives and Village Tours:** Discover quaint mountain villages and enjoy the serene ambiance.



## Çoruh River and Karagöl

## ARTVİN

## Şavşat Karagöl

## ARTVİN

Greenness

Artvin, surrounded by majestic mountains, serene lakes, and flowing rivers, is a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers. The Çoruh River is renowned for its thrilling rafting experiences, drawing adventure enthusiasts from around the world. Its rapid currents provide an exhilarating ride amidst stunning natural landscapes. On the other hand, Karagöl captivates visitors with its tranquil beauty, nestled amidst dense green forests. It's a perfect spot for picnics, photography, and peaceful walks.

### ACTIVITIES:

#### Rafting and Kayaking:

Experience adrenaline-pumping rafting on the Çoruh River's powerful rapids.

#### Nature Photography and Picnics:

Enjoy serene moments at Karagöl with breathtaking reflections of the surrounding mountains.

**Hiking and Nature Walks:** Explore lush trails around the lake, discovering rich flora and fauna.

Hidden within lush green forests, Şavşat Karagöl is a mesmerizing natural wonder offering a serene and peaceful atmosphere. The crystal-clear waters reflect the surrounding pine trees and mountain peaks, creating a picture-perfect landscape. This secluded spot is ideal for those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and reconnect with nature.

### ACTIVITIES:

#### Peaceful Boat Rides:

Glide over the calm waters of the lake with rental rowboats.

#### Camping and Stargazing:

Set up a tent under the starry sky and enjoy the tranquility of nature.

**Hiking and Bird Watching:** Discover scenic trails with the chance to spot native bird species.

Adventure

Natural Wonder

KARAGÖL-SAHARA

NATIONAL

PARK

HATILA VALLEY

NATIONAL

PARK

Tranquility

## SINOP



**Sinop Castle:** A historical fortress with breathtaking views of the Black Sea, Sinop Castle dates back to ancient times. Visitors can explore the ancient walls, learn about its history, and enjoy the beautiful sunset over the city. The surrounding area also features charming cafes and shops.

**Hamsilos Bay:** Hamsilos Bay is a natural wonder known for its unique fjord-like formation, making it one of the most picturesque spots on the Black Sea coast. Surrounded by lush green forests, it's perfect for scenic walks and tranquil boat rides. The calm waters and serene atmosphere provide an ideal escape for nature lovers.



**Erfelek Waterfalls:** A series of cascading waterfalls surrounded by dense forests, Erfelek Waterfalls offer a refreshing and adventurous experience. Visitors can hike along the waterfalls, enjoy picnics, and capture stunning photos of the natural landscape. The area is perfect for trekking enthusiasts and families looking for a fun day out.

## AMASYA



**Amasya Castle:** Perched on the cliffs overlooking Yeşilirmak, Amasya Castle offers spectacular views of the city and surrounding mountains. Its ancient walls and pathways provide an exciting historical journey. The castle's strategic location and panoramic vistas make it a must-visit attraction.

**King Rock Tombs:** Located on the slopes of Mount Harşena, these ancient rock tombs date back to the Pontic Kingdom. Carved into the cliffs, they offer a fascinating insight into ancient civilizations. The illuminated tombs at night create a mesmerizing view, adding to Amasya's magical atmosphere.



**Amasya Houses and Historical Streets:** Amasya is famous for its well-preserved Ottoman-era houses that line the banks of

the Yeşilirmak River. These traditional wooden mansions with their bay windows and historical architecture offer a charming

glimpse into the past. Strolling through the narrow streets, you can feel the city's historical ambiance.



## SAMSUN

## SINOP

## GİRESUN

## ORDU

**Bandırma Ferry and National Struggle Park:** The Bandırma Ferry played a significant role in the beginning of the Turkish War of Independence, as it was the ship that carried Mustafa Kemal Atatürk to Samsun. Now serving as a museum, the ferry displays wax sculptures and historical documents that recreate the atmosphere of that era. Located within the National Struggle Park, visitors can take peaceful walks and explore monuments that commemorate the history of the Turkish Republic.



**Amisos Hill:** Offering one of the best panoramic views in Samsun, Amisos Hill is accessible by cable car. From the top, you can admire the city and the Black Sea landscape while enjoying refreshments at the local cafes and restaurants. Additionally, the Amisos Tombs located here provide a fascinating archaeological insight for history enthusiasts.



**Amazon Island:** Dedicated to the mythological Amazon women, this island is known for its natural beauty and fun activities. You can visit the Amazon Statue and Amazon Village to learn about the legendary lifestyle of the warrior women. The island also features walking trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds for children.



**Kuzalan Waterfall:** Kuzalan Waterfall: Nestled in Giresun's lush green forests, Kuzalan Waterfall cascades majestically. Enjoy scenic walks with bird songs and a refreshing breeze. Hiking trails and picnic areas make it perfect for family outings.



**Göksu Travertines:** Reminiscent of Pamukkale, these white limestone formations with blue cascading waters captivate visitors. It's an ideal spot for photography enthusiasts and nature lovers seeking tranquility.



**Tirebolu Castle:** Dating back to the Byzantine era, Tirebolu Castle overlooks the Black Sea with stunning views. Its well-preserved architecture offers a historical journey, while nearby cafes and tea gardens provide a relaxing break.



**Boztepe:** An iconic landmark in Ordu, Boztepe offers breathtaking views of the city and the Black Sea, accessible by cable car. Enjoy the panorama, try paragliding, or relax at hilltop cafes and restaurants while watching the sunset.



**Ulugöl Nature Park:** A hidden gem in Ordu, Ulugöl is surrounded by dense forests, offering a serene natural setting. Enjoy a peaceful walk, relax by the lake, or use the picnic and camping areas for a perfect nature escape.



**Perşembe Plateau:** Known for its green meadows, cool climate, and serene ambiance, Perşembe Plateau is perfect for hiking, camping, and experiencing the local villagers' traditional lifestyle.

The cuisine of the Black Sea region leaves an unforgettable impression on the palate with its unique flavours crafted from natural and fresh ingredients.

LOCAL DELICACIES

# CULINARY DELIGHTS OF THE BLACK SEA



## Mihlama:

A rich, gooey blend of melted cheese, cornmeal, and butter—this indulgent breakfast dish is pure comfort on a plate.

**Karalahana Sarması:**  
Delicately wrapped cabbage leaves filled with a fragrant, spiced mixture. Often served with yoghurt, it's a taste of Black Sea tradition.



## Hamsi:

The true icon of the Black Sea! Whether steamed, fried, or baked into a savoury pilaf, this anchovy dish is a wintertime favourite bursting with fresh flavour.

## Mısır Ekmeği:

A rustic corn bread with a crisp crust and soft centre, baked in stone ovens. Best enjoyed with mihlama or a side of creamy yoghurt.



## Turşu Kavurma:

A bold fusion of tangy pickled beans or cabbage, sautéed to perfection. Served hot as a main or as a flavour-packed meze.

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Why Choose Us?

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