## Mt Ararat Itinerary

## Day 1: Arrival and Welcome in Doğubayazıt

- Meet our guide at the Domestic Airport (Van, Ağrı, or Iğdır) and drive to Doğubayazıt (1-2 hours).
- Stop to visit the beautiful Muradiye Waterfall along the way.
- Check in to our hotel in Doğubayazıt.
- Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.
- Get a trip briefing from our guide and a final gear check.
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Doğubayazıt.

## Day 2: Hike to Camp 1

- After breakfast, take a minibus to Cevirme Village (2200m).
- Our bags will be transported to Camp 1 by mules.
- Start our hike from Cevirme Village (2200m) to Camp 1 (3200m).
- Arrive at Camp 1 where food, drinks, and refreshments await us.
- Set up tents and mattresses together, then enjoy free time in the afternoon.
- Have dinner and a short briefing for the next day. Lights out at 10 PM.
- Overnight stay in tents at Camp 1 (Mount Ararat).

#### **Day 3: Acclimatization Hike**

- After breakfast, pack a lunch and hike up to 4000m to help your body adjust to the altitude.
- Spend 30-60 minutes at 4000m, exploring wildflowers, volcanic landscapes, and taking photos.
- Return to Camp 1 to rest and enjoy free time in the afternoon.
- Have dinner and a short briefing for the next day. Lights out at 10 PM.
- Overnight stay in tents at Camp 1 (Mount Ararat).

#### Day 4: Hike to Camp 2

- Pack your bags and tents early in the morning to be transported to Camp 2 by mules.
- After breakfast, begin the ascent to Camp 2 (4200m).
- Upon arrival, relax and prepare for the summit push.
- Our guide will check your summit gear (crampons, trekking poles, headlamps, etc.).

- Early dinner at 5 PM, then get some rest for an early start the next day.
- Overnight stay in tents at Camp 2 (Mount Ararat).

# Day 5: Summit Day

- Wake up early (1-2 AM) for breakfast and collect your packed lunch.
- Begin the 5-6 hour climb through rocky terrain to reach the crampon point, 200m below the summit.
- Reach the summit of Mount Ararat (5137m) and enjoy the breathtaking views of Türkiye, Iran, and Armenia.
- Descend to Camp 2 for a 1-2 hour rest and energy refill.
- Pack up tents and bags, which will be transported to Camp 1 by mules.
- Hike down to Camp 1 (2-hour descent).
- Celebrate the summit success with dinner. Lights out at 10 PM.
- Overnight stay in tents at Camp 1 (Mount Ararat).

## Day 6: Descent and Return to Doğubayazıt

- After breakfast, hike down to Cevirme Village (2-3 hours).
- Take a minibus transfer back to Doğubayazıt.
- Check in at the hotel and refresh.
- Visit the historic 17th-century Ishak Pasha Palace and the site of Noah's Ark's footprint.
- Celebrate with a special dinner at a local restaurant.
- Overnight stay at the hotel in Doğubayazıt.

# Day 7: Departure Day

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the domestic airport (Van, Ağrı, or Iğdır) for your return journey.
- Say goodbye to the guide and head home with unforgettable memories.

## **Personal Equipment for Mount Ararat Trip**

- Sleeping Bag: Rated for comfort at -10°C.
- Trekking Poles: 1-2 poles.
- Trekking Boots: 1 pair of durable, comfortable trekking boots.

- Mountaineering Boots: 1 pair of insulated, weather-resistant mountaineering boots.
- **Sunglasses**: 100% UV protection, Category 2-4.
- Snow Goggles: 100% UV protection, Category 2-4 (for high-altitude and snowy conditions).
- **Head/Neck Cover**: Buff, neck cover, or balaclava for warmth and protection.
- Warm Beanie: Insulated beanie to keep your head warm.
- Light & Quick-Dry Clothes: For trekking days (moisture-wicking layers).
- Warm & Windproof Clothing: Thermal, down, and shell layers for insulation and protection against wind.
- **Trekking Socks**: Several pairs of breathable, moisture-wicking trekking socks.
- Wool Socks: Warm, thick wool socks for colder days and summit day.
- Warm Gloves: 1-2 pairs (liner gloves and warm, windproof outer gloves).
- Daypack: 30L-50L capacity for carrying daily essentials.
- **Headlamp/Torch**: With extra batteries for night hiking and summit day.
- Duffel Bag: For heavy belongings, transported by mules.
- Thermos: 1-2L capacity for hot drinks on summit day.
- Camera: With extra batteries to capture the stunning views.
- **Power Bank**: For recharging phones, cameras, and other electronics.
- Snacks: Your choice of energy bars, chocolate, nuts, and snacks.
- Personal Medications: Any essential medications you may need during the trip.