

# ADVENTURE BOUND

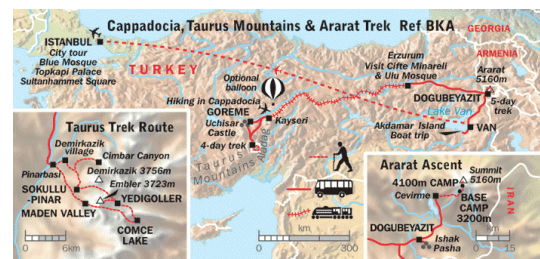


## Cappadocia, Taurus & Ararat Trek

15 Days from \$2025 AUD twin share

### Cappadocia & Taurus Mountains

We first explore the surreal moonscaped landforms of the Cappadocia region which include 'fairy' chimneys, castles and cave cities. Then from Pinarbasi village, we quickly climb into the high valleys and pastures of the Taurus Mountains, staying in a series of fixed camps up to 3020m with an ascent to Mount Embler at 3723m. In this magnificent and seldom visited area we enjoy the exhilaration of mountain trekking at its very best. We expect to see nomads roaming around the upland pastures and they will almost certainly invite us into their camps as a guest - a privileged insight into a way of life unchanged for centuries.



### Ararat's Snowy Dome

After pausing in Erzurum, we head to Dogubeyazit and on to Cevirme at 2350m, finishing with a trek to our Base Camp at 3200m. Pace is all-important when ascending to high altitudes and the next day's walk enables us to "climb high and sleep low" - an important step in acclimatisation. The following day is spent trekking to Camp 2 at 4100m, using pack animals to carry our luggage and using ice-axe and crampons (lesson given). Then we set off for the summit at 5165m, past glaciers and through perennial snows.

### Ishak Pasha Palace, Noah's Ark & Istanbul

Elated by our achievement, we return to Dogubeyazit, taking the opportunity to visit the magnificent Ishak Pasha Palace; a 17th century Ottoman gem. Lastly, we visit the site of the petrified remains of Noah's Ark which have been scientifically tested to be consistent with the Biblical description. After, we return to Istanbul, the old capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Nearly all the city's main sites of historic interest are in Old Stamboul. We include a half-day walking tour of the city, taking in the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace.

For further details on the **Cappadocia, Taurus & Ararat Trek** Itinerary, Trip Notes and Dates of Departure, please contact The Adventure Traveller on 1800 181 202 or email [specials@theadventuretraveller.com](mailto:specials@theadventuretraveller.com)