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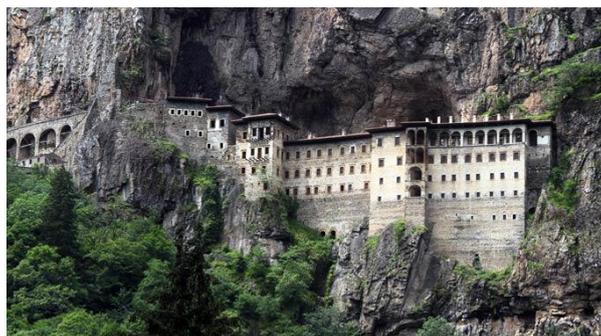
ATA Organised TOUR for JUNE 2021

A 7 night guided tour to the Karadeniz region of Turkey & the Batumi region of Georgia – actual dates to be confirmed

Named after the neighbouring Black Sea, this region of turkey is a place where you can see all different tones of green and enjoy scenic mountains and plateaus with a mild climate.

Although the Black Sea is connected to the Mediterranean Sea with the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles Strait, the regions water is milder and creates a completely different climate compared to the Mediterranean climate. Heavy rainfall makes the scarce lands of the region very fertile, allowing the production of more than half of the world`s hazelnut and almost all of the famous Turkish tea.

Western Black Sea Region has a warmer climate and hosts more industrialized and modern cities like Zonguldak, Bolu and Duzce. Middle and eastern Black Sea Region, however, are more in touch with nature and attract nature lovers with plateau tourism facilities.



Trabzon, on the east of this region, was the capital of the Pontus Greek Empire and keeps the history well protected. You can see the amazing Sumela Monastery built on a mountain side, or the Trabzon Ayasofya Church from the Orthodox Pontus Greeks.

During this tour place of interest to be visited will include; in Samsun: Bandırma Ship Museum, Atatürk Square and Monument, Atatürk Museum.

Ordu/Perşembe: Yason (Jason) Church. In Boztepe we

shall take the cable car to climb up to the hill and enjoy the view. Giresun: Giresun Castle.

Trabzon: Hagia Sophia Church & Sümela Monastery (interior visit to both sites depends to the restoration works). Ayder Yaylası, Zil Castle, Palovit Waterfall, Fırtına Deresi (Storm River), Atatürk Mansion & Boztepe

A must on any tour to this region must always include a visit to the famous Rize fabrics and tea plantations, not forgetting to find time to try some delicious 'Akçaabat Meatballs'.





Batumi, a Black Sea resort and port city, is the capital of the Georgian republic of Adjara. Batumi Boulevard encompasses a waterfront promenade with a park and beach.

The 130m-high Alphabetic Tower, adorned with Georgian script, has a seaside observation deck. The old town district is lined with renovated 19th-century buildings.

North of the city, Batumi Botanical Garden showcases flora from around the world. Highlights in Batumi that will be visited include the Medea Square, Boulevard Batumi, Theatre Square, European Square, Alphabet Tower (from exterior) and the Middle Mosque.



A tour itinerary will be published on the association website once actual dates and costs are confirmed.

Please note this tour was originally scheduled to have taken place in 2020, and as such places on this tour are limited, due to attendees who booked for the 2020 tour exercising their right to participate in this tour. Therefor the limited number of available places on the tour will sell out quickly!

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