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ATA Organised TOUR for NOVEMBER 2021

A 3 night guided tour to the Kars & Ani in Turkey – actual dates to be confirmed

This tour to Kars a town in northeast Turkey and the capital of Kars Province. With a population of 73,836 as of 2011, it is the largest town along Turkey's closed border with Armenia.

Having a checkered and at times battle scared history often at the forefront of local regional issues spanning many centuries, Kars is often mistakenly overlooked by tourists in search of history, but with so many outstanding buildings from its Citadel perched on top of a rocky hill overlooking the town to the Armenian church known as Surb Arak'elots (the Church of the Holy Apostles) built in the ninth century to the The "Taşköprü" (Stone Bridge) bridge over the Kars river built in 1725, plus many more besides, the town of Kars has lots to keep you enthralled. Including the ruined medieval Armenian city of Ani which has more history contained within its ruins than all other cities in the greater region combined.



Known as the city of 1001 churches, standing on various trade routes, at its height in the ninth century Ani was one of the world's largest cities with a population estimated to be at over 100,000. Featuring many religious buildings, palaces, and fortifications Ani was amongst the most technically and artistically advanced places in the world during this period.



Sacked by the Mongols in 1236, Ani never recovered from a devastating 1319 earthquake, and was gradually abandoned until it was largely forgotten by the 17th-century.

Today Ani is a widely recognized cultural, religious, and national heritage symbol for Armenians.

If you like visiting places others don't know about, but want to go somewhere with bucketsful of history this tour is for you!

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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