



## TURKEY HOTEL & BIKE PROGRAM IN LAKES REGION from ANTALYA to ANTALYA



**Region:** Europe

**Destination:** Turkey

**Duration:** 8 Days / 7 Nights

**Total Distance:** 300 km in total, daily average 50km and +600m elevation gain

Long Route 365 km in total, daily average 60km and +900m elevation gain

**Road Condition:** Asphalt and tarmac road

### Day by Day Tour Program

#### Day 1 Saturday, Welcome to Antalya, Turkey

Arrival in Antalya International Airport and transfer to your Hotel at Antalya Old Town. After your arrival and check in the hotel enjoy your rest. Orientation walk through the Antalya Old Town and harbor with your guide before dinner. Tonight, dinner is on your own in one of the local restaurants with the night view of the Antalya Gulf.

**Meals:** No meals

**Destinations:** Arrival in Antalya Airport at any time of the day.

**Accommodations:** Aspen Boutique Hotel <https://www.aspenhotel.com.tr>

#### Day 2 Sunday, Kursunlu Waterfall – Karacaoren Lake

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Greet the day with Turkish breakfast in the hotel. A short transfer takes us to Kursunlu Waterfall. Explore the karstic formation and the waterfall before our challenging day. After getting fitted to our bikes, we leave the coastal plain behind and cycle at the outskirts of Taurus Mountain with gradual climb. We pass through several villages and enjoy our picnic lunch with mountain view. At the end of our climb, the ancient city of Milias awaits us with her remote monuments hidden in the vegetation and trees. After exploring the site, our bike ride ends with a descent to Karacaoren Lake and a coffee break by the lake. Drive 15 minutes to our hotel and enjoy your rest in the afternoon. Optional kayaking in the lake or take pleasure of the facilities of our hotel including swimming pool, Turkish bath, and sauna. Or simply enjoy the peaceful nature around lake with an evening walk before dinner in the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Kursunlu, Camili, Kocaaliler, Karacaoren Lake

**Accomplished:** 60 km **Elevation:** +1.204 m / -1.170 m

First climb 2.5km, elevation: +162mt, average 6.5%

Second climb 5.5, elevation: +278mt, average 4.3%

Third climb 1km, elevation: +65mt, average 6.5%

**Accommodation:** Secret Lake Chalets, [www.secretlakechalets.com/?sayfa=ana\\_sayfa&lang=en#](http://www.secretlakechalets.com/?sayfa=ana_sayfa&lang=en#)

### **Day 3 Monday, Çandır - Egirdir**

After leisurely breakfast transfer to Yazili Canyon National Park (38km). After a short hike along the canyon diving into crisp water of the river recovers our muscles before our daily ride. Drive to Adada to explore the temples, theater, and agora of the ancient city and walk along one of the best preserved Roman roads in Turkey. A picnic lunch in ancient agora and food market will be one of the highlights of our adventure. Get on the bikes and cycle in the remote highlands of the Lake Region with wild horses. Through several small villages our ride takes us to the picturesque shore of Kovada Lake. Pedal through rolling hills and pine tree canopies along the lake; the scenery is a never-ending tableau of deep, lush forest and serene stretches of small coves. From Kovada Lake to Egirdir Lake a flat plain is an easy ride at the end of the day, or you take the support van to the hotel by Egirdir Lake. Our day covers one canyon, a Roman city, two lakes and amazing bike ride in between. Walk along the island during sunset and take pleasure of your dinner on your own along the Egirdir Lake.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Picnic Lunch

**Destinations:** Çandır, Yazili Canyon, Adada, Yenikoy, Sagrak, Lake Kovada and Egirdir

**Accomplished:** 47 km **Elevation:** +784 / - 1,097 m

First climb 1km, elevation: +63mt, average 6.3%

Second climb 1.5km, elevation: +100mt, average 6.6%

Third climb 1.7km, elevation: +115mt, average 6.7%

Fourth climb 2km, elevation: +190mt, average 9.5%

**Long Option** 77.5 km **Elevation:** +983 / -1,291 m

**Accommodations:** Nis Hotel in Eskiciler Mansion, <http://www.nishotels.com/eskicilerkonagi/>

### **Day 4 Tuesday, Lake Egirdir – Kasımlar**

After breakfast enjoy your free time for shopping in town along the lake. Long Route starts from the hotel or take the transfer to the start point of the short option. After riding through the highlands over 1000mt elevation we join the valley of Aksu River fed by melted snow water. Ride along cascading white water of Aksu River for 35 km with gradual descent before a 7km climb with average 5.5% at the end of the day. If you want to skip the climb feel free to take the support van and drive to the hotel. We will stay overnight a family run bed&breakfast in Kasimlar Village. Dinner is served by our host family and we will learn about their lifestyle during our dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Picnic Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Lake Egirdir, Aksu, Ayvalipinar, Kasımlar

**Accomplished:** 54.5 km **Elevation:** +365 / - 712 m

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**Long Option** 70 km Elevation: +770 / -786 m

First climb in the long option 8km, elevation: +333mt, average 4.2%

**Accommodations:** St. Paul Yol Pansiyon, <http://www.stpaulyolpansiyon.com>

#### **Day 5 Wednesday, Kasımlar – Caltepe**

A real village breakfast with fresh egg, cheese and homemade jams is what we need for a good start. Say good-bye to our villagers and discover the Koprulu River today on bike. The sheer cliffs at the entrance of the canyon is our morning scenery while we descent to the riverbed. Next 20 km ride with average 1.5% gradual climb is decorated with huge rock formations and mountain views. Besides the minimum traffic this remote region amazes all bikers with unspoiled nature. Our lunch is served by a family run restaurant along the way and another one hour ride with descent takes us our hotel run by hospitable young couple with their children. Dinner is served around the campfire under the stars.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Kasımlar, Kesme, Yesilbag, Caltepe

**Accomplished:** 61.5 km **Elevation:** +1,019 m / - 1,616 m

First climb 2.3km, elevation: +153mt, average 6.6%

Second climb 1.4km, elevation: +95mt, average 6.8%

Third climb 2.5km, elevation: +202mt, average 8%

**Accommodations:** Erdinc Bed&Breakfast <https://erdinc-pansiyon.business.site/>

#### **Day 6 Thursday, Caltepe – Tazi Canyon – Karabuk**

Enjoy your breakfast with fresh air and morning dew. Hop on the bikes for another adventurous day with canyons, rivers, and ancient bridges to pedal over. First hour of our ride is a smooth descent with bended rock layers at one side and river on the other. A challenging 9km climb with 5% grade is worth to push for the breathtaking vista over Tazi Canyon. We leave our bikes and hike for 20 minutes to reach the vista point. Enjoy your free time and walk back along the well-marked path for our lunch prepared by the villagers. A descending ride to the ancient bridge is through the shaded road with pine trees and endless scenery. Take picture of the ancient bridge with crystal clear water of Koprulu River. Our hotel is just next door by the river for an afternoon siesta. Enjoy your canyon walk in the late afternoon before our dinner in our hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Caltepe, Tazi Canyon, Koprulu Canyon, Koprucay River

**Accomplished:** 46.5 km **Elevation:** +988 / -1,277 m

First climb 1.8km, elevation: +76mt, average 4.2%

Second climb 8.5km, elevation: +500mt, average 6.2%

**Accommodations:** Eco Family Park Hotel, <http://www.ecofamilypark.com>

#### **Day 7 Friday, Aspendos Aqueduct - Zeytintas Cave — Kanyon Restaurant**

After leisurely breakfast there is an optional rafting/kayaking tour along the river or simply enjoy your lazy morning by the river. Check-out the hotel and transfer to the start point of the last ride. Our bike ride starts by the lower end of the Koprulu River and takes us to the lake. After crossing the bridge over river we cycle to the best preserved aqueducts in Aspendos and learn about the ancient architecture and engineering. Ride through farming lands to Zeytintas Cave. Strictly under protection by national parks, this cave is full of spaghetti stalactites and you can still observe the ongoing formation. After visiting the cave with the park rangers and lunch break enjoy your cycling along the remote roads with the limited traffic among the small villages. Finish our day in our restaurant to refresh and toast for our adventures. Drive back to Antalya (50km-50 min) and check in our hotel in the afternoon. Dinner is a local restaurant along the beach park.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Farewell Dinner

**Destinations:** Aspendos, Zeytintas Cave, Koprucay River

**Accomplished:** 51.5 km **Elevation:** +607 / -618 m

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First climb 5.4km, elevation: +161mt, average 3.5%

**Accommodations:** Trend Park Hotel, <http://www.trendparkhotel.com/en/index.html> or Crown Plaza Hotel, <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/antalya/aytya/hoteldetail>

### **Day 8 Saturday, Goodbye**

After last breakfast transfer to the airport and say good-bye to your guides. Safe flight back home.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **What is included?**

We include more on our bike programs than any other bike tour company to provide our guests with the most unforgettable and joyful travel experience in Turkey.

- Best available accommodations, village home stay, bed&breakfast lodgings in the least traffic areas in the Lakes Region
- Top of the line bike selection in the destination, Merida Cyclocross 500 or Ghost Square
- Meals as indicated on the daily program and nutritious snacks during the rides; All breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- Unlimited bottled water during the rides
- Expert English speaking guide with extensive local knowledge
- Complete van support during the rides to enjoy your vacation at your own pace
- Arrival and departure transfers from/to airport
- Group sizes that don't exceed 12 guests on a scheduled departure
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary, entrance fees to historic sites, fascinating museums, and scenic natural parks
- All taxes

### **What is excluded?**

- International and domestic flights
- Gratuity for guides
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Travel and health insurance
- E-Bike rental (€100 extra charge for e-bikes on request)
- Visa if applicable

### **PRICES per PERSON in DOUBLE ROOM in EURO**

#### **For GUARANTEED DEPARTURES in 2020**

Minimum 2 guests for guaranteed departures

€1,190 per person in double occupancy

€125 single supplement for the entire program

#### **DATES (9 departures)**

April 05 – 12

April 12 - 19

April 19 – 26

May 10 - 17

June 14 - 21 (+€60 per person)

June 21 – 28 (+€60 per person)

September 06 – 13 (+60 per person)

October 18 - 25

October 31- November 07

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## **PRIVATE GROUPS**

*(any date chosen by the group between March 01 and November 15)*

### **GROUP SIZE**

4 - 5 guests €1,395

6 - 7 guests €1,295

8+ guests €1,190 maximum up to 12 guests

Single Supplement €125 for the entire program

Please add €60 per person for the departures in June, July, August, and September.

### **PAYMENT and CANCELLATION**

€200 nonrefundable down payment upon reservation

31 days prior to the tour departure; balance payment

Cancellation fee within 30 to 21 days prior to the tour departure; 50% of tour cost

Cancellation fee within 20 to 11 days prior to the tour departure; 75% of tour cost

Cancellation fee within 10 to 0 days prior to the tour departure; 100% of tour cost



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