



## TURKEY; Taurus Mountains and Lake Region

**Continent:** Europe

**Destination:** Turkey

**Arrival Airport:** Antalya (AYT)

**Departure Airport:** Antalya (AYT)

**Duration:** 8 Days / 7 Nights / 6 Cycling Days

**Total Distance:** 315 km in total, daily average 52km and 700m elevation gain

**Long Route:** 444 km in total, daily average 74km and 1.100m elevation gain

**Road Condition:** Asphalt and tarmac road



### Highlights:

- ✓ Walk in Antalya ancient harbor and enjoy the sunset over Antalya Gulf
- ✓ Cycle Taurus Mountain Range with canyons and lakes
- ✓ Explore the ancient city of Adada and walk over the best preserved Roman road
- ✓ Incredible rides along the rock formations and white limestone ridges along Koprulu Canyon
- ✓ Finish your ride with white water rafting on day six
- ✓ Hike through Yazili and Tazi canyons with breathtaking vistas
- ✓ Visit the best preserved Roman theater and aqueducts in Aspendos
- ✓ Discover the legendary Turkish hospitality in family-run village home stays
- ✓ Visit Zeytintas Cave with spaghetti stalactites

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## Experience:

Away from the beach hotels along Mediterranean, this superb cycling experience represents the real essence of Turkish rural lifestyle and discovers the natural beauty of the region. Taurus Mountains offer challenging but rewarding network of the routes along canyons and lakes with minimum traffic. En-route we use the best boutique hotels for five nights and family-run village home stays for two nights. Lunches are served mostly picnic style while cycling through remote regions and dinners with local delicacies in the hotels and restaurants. This incredible program combines the ancient history with natural beauty and the legendary Turkish hospitality with authentic Turkish lifestyle.

## Day by Day Tour Program

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

Arrival in Antalya International Airport (AYT) 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 ancient harbor with your guide before dinner. Tonight, dinner is on your own in one of the local restaurants with the sunset and night view of the Antalya Gulf.

**Meals:** No meals

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

**Accomplishment:** No riding – 3km walk in the old city and ancient old harbor

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

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

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 by foot, our bike ride ends with a descent to Karacaoren Lake. Drive 15 minutes to our hotel and enjoy your rest in the afternoon. Optional kayaking in the lake or simply enjoy the peaceful nature around lake with an evening walk before dinner in the hotel.

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

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

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

**Long Option** 75 km **Elevation:** +1.295 m / -1.200 m

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

### Day 3 Tuesday, 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

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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 m / - 1.097 m

**Long Option** 75 km **Elevation:** +983 m / -1.291 m

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

#### **Day 4 Wednesday, 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 an optional 7km climb with average 8% 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 Kasımlar 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:** 50km **Elevation:** +405 m / - 792 m

**Long Option** 80 km **Elevation:** +1.290 m / -1.1180 m

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

#### **Day 5 Thursday, 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 village home 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:** 60 km **Elevation:** +826 m / - 1.412 m

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

#### **Day 6 Friday, 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 or a rafting/kayaking tour along the river before our dinner in the hotel.

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

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

**Accomplished:** 46 km **Elevation:** +762 m / -1.062 m

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**Long Option 70 km Elevation:** +1.190 m / -1.1480 m

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

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

After leisurely breakfast 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 the protection of 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 the refreshment break enjoy your cycling along the remote roads with the limited traffic among the small villages. Finish our day in our restaurant for lunch and a toast for our adventures. After visiting the best preserved Roman theater in Turkey drive back to Antalya (50km-50 min) and check in our hotel in the afternoon. Dinner is a local restaurant overlooking Antalya Gulf and the mountains.

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

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

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

**Long Option 83 km Elevation:** +1.029 m / -1.160 m

**Accommodations:** Trend Park Hotel, <http://www.trendparkhotel.com/en/index.html> or Aspen Boutique Hotel, <https://www.aspenhotel.com.tr>

### **Day 8 Sunday, Goodbye**

After last breakfast (if possible in accordance with the flight hours) 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 Boutique hotel accommodations for 5 nights and family-run village home stay with private facilities for 2 nights in the least traffic areas of the Lakes Region
- ✓ Meals as indicated on the daily program and nutritious snacks during the rides; All breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 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
- Bike rentals; for Ghost Square Hybrid or Merida Cyclocross 500 – €120 per week and for E-Bike €210 per week)
- Visa if applicable

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

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

Minimum 2 guests for guaranteed departures

€1.095 per person in double occupancy

€140 single supplement for the entire program with limited availability

### **DATES from Sunday to Sunday (7 departures)**

September 06 – 13 (+60 per person)

September 13 – 20 (+60 per person)

September 20 – 27 (+60 per person)

October 04 – 11

October 11 - 18

October 18 - 25

October 31- November 07 (from Saturday to Saturday)

### **For GUARANTEED DEPARTURES in 2021**

Minimum 2 guests for guaranteed departures

€1.095 per person in double occupancy

€140 single supplement for the entire program (limited availability)

### **DATES from Sunday to Sunday (16 departures)**

March 21 – 28

March 28 – April 04

April 04 – 11

April 11 – 18

April 18 – 25

April 25 – May 02

May 02 - 09

May 09 – 16

June 06 - 13 (+€60 per person)

June 13 – 20 (+€60 per person)

September 19 – 26 (+60 per person)

September 26 – October 03 (+60 per person)

October 10 - 17

October 17 - 24

October 26 - November 02

November 02 – 09

### **PRIVATE GROUPS (any date chosen by private groups between March and November)**

#### **GROUP SIZE**

4 - 5 guests                    €1.395

6 - 7 guests                    €1.295

8+ guests                    €1.095 maximum up to 12 guests

Single Supplement €140 for the entire program (limited availability)

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

### **PAYMENT and CANCELLATION**

€200 down payment upon reservation

31 days prior to the tour departure; full payment

Cancellation within 40 to 31 days prior to the tour departure; down payment,

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

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

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Cancellation within 10 to 0 days prior to the tour departure; 100% of tour cost will be charged as the cancellation fee.



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