

Ski Touring Trip In Aladaglar

Simply The Best Alpine Touring in Central Anatolia

Duration: 5 Days

Best Season: Winter

Tour Type: Backcountry Ski

Accommodation: Guest House

Difficulty: Moderate – Hard

Overview

We offer you the best alpine touring opportunity in Central Anatolia. Anti-Taurus Mountains, aka Aladaglar, is well known as the most visited mountain range in Turkey. Aladaglar region has been an ecocorridor for Turkish mountaineering just more than a destination.

This demanding trip outstands as happening in remote locations. Out of the crowds, even without any ski marks ahead, the participants of this trip enjoy the tranquility, remoteness and pure mountain adventure in every single step. We will skin up to the colls, ridges and summits to earn the turns. After all we will run the best lines and valleys.

Consecutive days of skinning and skiing require a certain level of physical condition as well as personal experience to enjoy this trip. However, anyone can reserve the right to rest and enjoy the cozy accommodation if they do not want to join any of the day trips. Because we will stay at the same place without any hassle of repacking everyday!

We will be touring in variety of valleys and terrain every day. If you are into a short but demanding touring in Anatolia, this is one of the trips should be in your bucket list. Split boarders are also welcome for the itinerary.

Itinerary Outline*

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Day 2: Mangırcı Valley – Körtekli Summit (3250 m)

Day 3: Parmakkaya Valley – Avcı Beli Pass / Yoncalı Taş Summit (3450 m)

Day 4: Karayalak Valley – Çelikbuyduran Pass (3500 m) – Mt Emler Summit (3723 m)

Day 5: Pancarlık Summit (2870 m) – Return

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Itinerary

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We will drive to Aladaglar in the morning. Guests can hop on our private coach to Aladaglar at any spots stated in the details. We will check in our home, Taurus Guest House and have lunch. A detailed briefing, equipment check and a short warm up hike session will be held by our experienced trip leaders. A cozy evening and feasty dinner awaits for us this evening. We will rest well for a great trip start!

Vehicle transfer: 4 hours

Meals included: Lunch – Dinner

Day 2: Mangırcı Valley – Körtekli Summit (3250 m)

We will get up very early in the morning to enjoy the breakfast and hop on our 4WDs to have short drive. We will get to Emli Valley to kick a start. Today's target is to skin up as high we can along Mangırcı Valley. Then we will attempt to rise on Mt Körtekli to the top. There is such a wonderful panorama on the summit! Then we will switch to an amazing ski run. 4WDs will be waiting for us at the same spot that we started. Another short drive should wait for a little celebration. Cheers!
We will back to our village house pension late in the afternoon.

Vehicle transfer: 20 minutes

App. Activity Time: 6-8 hours

Meals included: Breakfast – Lunch Pack – Dinner

Day 3: Parmakkaya Valley – Avcı Beli Pass / Yoncalı Taş Summit (3450 m)

We are heading to a different valley today. We will get to Emli Valley again firstly. Depending on the road condition we can drive further as far as we can. If not, we will start from Emli Valley to skin up. The route of the day is to one of the most amazing valleys of the region. Today's run will blow your heads off! We will skin along

Parmakkaya Valley. We are aiming to reach Avcı Veli Pass. According to the current condition, we can alter our route to the top of Mt Yoncalı Taş. We will run all the way down to the our 4wds. Split boarders can suffer from the flattered terrain during the last stage of the run. Keep in mind!

App. Vehicle transfer: 40 dk

App. Activity time: 6-8 hrs

Meals included: Breakfast– Lunch Pack – Dinner

Day 4: Karayalak Valley – Çelikbuyduran Pass (3500 m) – Mt Emler Summit (3723 m)

Here is the highest mountain day in the trip. We will wake up early and hop on the 4WDs after breakfast and preparations. We will drive to Sokullupınar campground. We are heading to Karakayalak Valley. This huge gorge will lead us to east and we will skin up to one of the highest passes, Çelikbuyduran. Çelikbuyduran is the busiest mountain pass in this region when trekkers are here in summertime. Then just a short climb is needed to be on the top of the third highest mountain of Aladaglar. Today we have a stunning ski run ahead. Depending on the conditions we can ski a bit further then the starting point. We will back in the lodge late in the afternoon.

App. Vehicle transfer: 45-50 min.

App. Activity time: 6-8 hrs

Meals included: Breakfast– Lunch Pack – Dinner

Day 5: Pancarlık Summit (2870 m) – Return

We will say goodbye to Aladaglar today. However, we are sure that it is not always easy. We are heading to another ski ascent to Pancarlık Summit which has a nice access, wonderful ski run and totally a different view. We will be back to our vehicles to drive back to Ankara.

Meals included: Breakfast– Lunch

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Tour Dates & Prices

22-26 February 2023

Best Season: Winter

495 euro for group of min 5, max 10 pax.

For groups under 5 people, please also contact us.

Please ask our special prices for closed groups and Travel Agencies

Price Includes

Tour leadership, mountain guidance and counseling throughout the tour*

All vehicle transfers from Ankara to Ankara

All transfers with 4WDs

All meals mentioned in the program

4 nights half board accommodation in TWN/TRPL rooms

First-aid kit

General safety equipment

Helmet, ice-axe, crampons and snowshoes

Travel insurances

*1 MONTIS Trip Leader for 4-8 pax groups

2 MONTIS Trip Leaders for 9-10 pax groups

Price Does Not Include

Personal equipments*

Alcoholic drinks and beverages

Unscheduled requests

Insurance

Tips

*Personal technical equipment (helmet, pickaxe, crampons) are provided free of charge on this tour. Personal equipment such as touring skis and split boards, avalanche detectors are not included in our price. A limited number of shovels, DVI devices and avalanche probes are available free of charge.

Single Accommodation:

Single Supplement
55 euro (due to availability)

Accommodation

Taurus Guesthouse – Aladaglar

A cosy family pension at the skirts of Aladaglar at Çukubağ village. You will find a comfortable facility with clean rooms and delicious meals at this family pension.

<https://www.taurusguesthouse.com/tr-tr>

FAQ

Travel Plan

Our vehicle departs from Ankara from the following stops:

MONTIS Trips & Expedition Ofisi
Departure time: 08.00

Milli Kütüphane:
Departure time: 08.15

Our meeting points for our participants coming from outside of Ankara:

Ankara şehirlerarası otobüs terminali
Ulusoy Söğütözü Terminali
Departure time: 08.20

Other Spots to Join the trip:

Esenboğa Airport
Departure time: 07.00

Ankara YHT Train Station
Departure time: 07.20

Please contact us to have private transfer from Kayseri Airport.

Participants coming from outside of Ankara should contact us to confirm meeting details and return details.

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Visa

Holders of most European passports,UK, Austrian, Irish, Portuguese, Spanish and US passports require visas. Visas must be obtained in advance, passengers need to obtain an e-visa prior to their arrival. This can be done online at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/> for approximately US\$20. The visa is valid for a stay of up to three months (dependent on passport holder's nationality). For a longer stay a visa from a Turkish Embassy is required. Please click for visa requirements to Turkey for detailed information:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

Vaccinations

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements.

Weather

The peaks are subject to severe winds, and sudden changes in temperature. One has to be equipped for the worst, and one has to know when to quit. Daytime temperature is usually 0-8 C degrees and night temperatures are -5 to -12 C degrees without windchill affect. But the temperature can decrease to -15 C degrees above the 2500 m. The occasional storm can't be ruled out.

Is this trip for you?

Activity Level: Moderate / Moderate – Hard (3-4)

This tour gives you a chance to see Aladaglar (Crimson Mountains , Turkish Dolomites) is the mid Taurus Range in between the triangle of Adana , Nigde and Kayseri provinces.

The Aladaglar range runs from the southwest to the northeast for approximately 50 kilometers. It is between 25 and 30 kilometers wide and boasts the region's highest peak, Demirkazik which stretches to 3756 meters. The highest summit Kizilkaya in the center (3767 m), and Mount Vayvay in the East (3565m). The long range is situated in the provinces of Nigde and Adana and rises between Lake Ecemis and the Zamanti river.

The geological formation of the area is responsible for the interesting rock formations and waterfalls. The erosion of limestone has created a fascinating karstic topography and hydrography, especially in the Yedigoller valley, where karstic underground rivers and caverns collect the surface water. Both the Mediterranean and Anatolian weather systems influence the climate of the Aladaglar bringing warm summers and cool winters to the mountains.

Those karstic mountains are also known as the mountaineering center of Turkey or Mecca of Mountaineering in Turkey by other words. In winter the region offers some

of the best slopes available for ski mountaineering. Real wild and remote slopes wait for you in winter.

Please note that the Tour Leader reserves the right to refuse participation of any client on any activities on safety grounds or if they feel that their participation will compromise the safety and enjoyment for the rest of the group.

The order of activities, trekking routes may be changed to suit local weather conditions.

.Transportation Of The Equipments

Your entire luggage will be transferred to the guest house by coach.

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