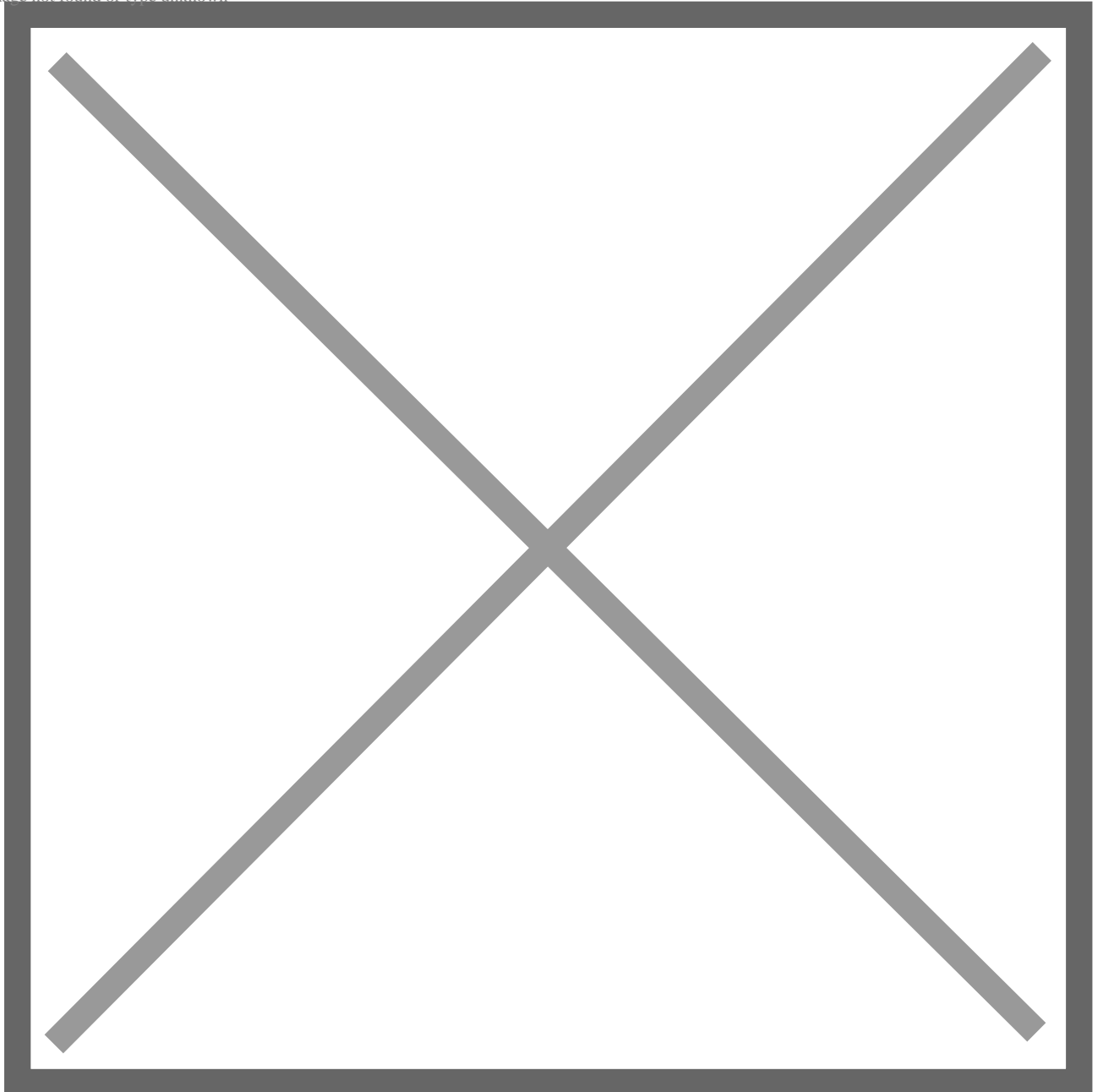


Full Itinerary & Trip Details

6 Day Bitlis City & Cooking Tour

Bitlis is one of the well known cities in Eastern Anatolian Region of Turkey. The history of the city dates back to 2000 BC when Hittites were the dominant civilization. The city also hosted important empires like Seljuklus, Ottomans and Byzantins. Bitlis with its historical places, beautiful nature and its local cuisine worths to visit.

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PRICE STARTING FROM

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DURATION

6 days

TOUR ID

23195

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Day 1 - Arrival Day – Van Airport – Bitlis Transfer

Meet at Van Airport and transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Bitlis. Overnight Bitlis.

Day 2 : Bitlis City Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel and depart for Bitlis City Tour. We will see BITLIS CASTLE dating back to 4th cent BC that was built by the order of Alexander The Great. The castle is located at a steep slope overlooking the city. After that we will visit IHLASIYE MADRASA (Islamic theological school) which was built in ealy 13th cent AD by Seljuks. The madrasa has the major characteristics of Seljuklu Architecture Style.

Next, we will visit BITLIS GRAND MOSQUE that was built in 12cent. and was renovated in1985. The structure is a good example of early mosques in the region. After that we will have free time for lunch and then will drive towards NEMRUT LAKE. The lake was formed as a result of volcanic activities back in the past.

After taking photos of the spectacular view of the lake and enjoying the nature next stop will be AHLAT MUSEUM. Ahlat is considered to be the first Major Turkish City in Anatolia. Here we will not only see artifacts from Seljuk Era but also we will see artifacts from different historic time lines. Next we will visit one of the major historic places in the region, THE AHLAT SELJUKIAN GRAVEYARD that was founded on al large area. The graveyard is known as the biggest Turk – Islam Graveyard and has typical burial style of Central Asian Turkish Culture. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight Bitlis.

Day 3 : Akdamar Island & Van Lake Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel and depart for Akdamar Island & Van Lake Tour. We will drive about 2 hours to before we reach Gevas district where we will take the boat to AKDAMAR ISLAND. After about 30 minutes sail on VAN LAKE, which is the largest in Turkey and the second largest in Middle East, we will reach the island. The significance of the island comes from being the biggest island in the lake. In the island we will visit the AKDAMAR CHURCH that was built in 10th cent AD.

Also the church was included in UNESCO’S list in 2015. The church was renovated and opened to visitors in 2007. And of course during the tour we will have a walk on the island where you can enjoy the nature and the beautiful panorama of the lake. Next, will take the boat back to Gevas where you will have free time. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight Bitlis

Day 4 : Cooking Lesson & Shopping Tour

Breakfast and Lunch Included

After breakfast, we will pick you up from the hotel and depart to a local restaurant for your professional cooking lesson. You participate in your first Turkish cooking lesson: During our Bitlis Cooking Tour, you will taste various flavors of Bitlis Region and you will enjoy to cook & taste local food like Bitlis Meatballs, Buryan Kebap (local type of kebab), Stuffed Cabbage and such. After lunch you will depart to city center for free time and shopping before returning to your hotel. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight Bitlis.

Day 5 : Turkish Bath Tour & Free Time

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we will pick you up from hotel for Hamam (Turkish Bath) Tour depending on your wish and available hours of Hamam. Turkish Bath is quite a popular part of Turkish Culture and it is being practiced all around the country therefore it will be nice to experience this activity. After the Hamam we will depart to city center for free time and shopping before returning to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight Bitlis.

Day 6 : Bitlis – Van Airport Transfer - End of Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast the day is yours till your departure transfer to Van Airport.

We will transfer you to airport for your flight back home.

We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another our Turkey Tour. Thank you for choosing us.

Includes

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- 1 lunch
- 5 breakfasts
- Hotel Room Taxes, Tours & Transfer Taxes
- Guided Cooking Lesson&Shopping Tour
- Turkish Bath Tour
- Guided Bitlis City Tour
- Arrival transfer from Van Airport to Bitlis Hotel
- 5 Nights hotel in Bitlis
- Guided Akdamar Island & Van Lake Tour
- Return transfer from Bitlis Hotel to Van Airport

Excludes

- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa

- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- City tax
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers
- Please Note: Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 50,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.
- International Flights and Domestic Flights

Routes

Available On Dates

17 September, 2020 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Hotels

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS or Similar Sak Mermer Hotel GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS or Similar Oz Cavusoglu Hotel