

Adana



Adana: One of the most beautiful cities of the Mediterranean and particularly well-known for its cuisine Adana has a variety of cultural and historical values worth exploring.

Adana, the fifth largest city of Turkey, was founded by the Luvi Kingdom connected to the Hittites in 2000 BC. The home of ten great civilizations Adana is home to both traditional and modern structures.

Located by the amazingly beautiful Seyhan River in Çukurova region, which is situated south of the Taurus Mountains and well known for its cotton fields, Adana has a mild Mediterranean climate. While summers are hot and dry in Adana winters are mild and rainy.

The land of numerous monuments from antiquity to the present, Adana welcomes tourists any time of the year.



Attractions



Adana, which integrates the abundant natural landscape with a modern infrastructure, is located by the Mediterranean coast.

Having harbored many civilizations for thousands of years the region is rich in ruins waiting to be explored. The historical sites of Anavarsa, Shar, Magarsos, Ayas, Akoren and Ceyhan bear the traces of the ancient cities and are still well-preserved. Particularly Anavarsa reminds one of an open air museum with its castle, mosaic pools, triumphal arch and columns.

The local museums exhibiting the findings as well as cultural assets from the past to the present are among the must-see places of Adana province. The Adana Archaeological Museum, the Ethnographic Museum, Atatürk Museum and Misis Mosaic Museum open doors to the local history.

Positioned by the sea Adana is also a popular tourist attraction during the summer season. Yumurtalı and Karataş are among the favorite beaches where one can enjoy both the sun and the sea. These locations are also well-known for their cruise and yacht tourism.

Located in front of the Taurus Mountains Adana is also blessed with lush green and cool highlands. The highlands located in the towns of Aladağ, Kozan, Pozanti and Tufanbeyli are ideal trekking locations and provide the opportunity to get to know the region in more detail.

Influenced by diverse cultures Adana has in store the relics of a variety of cultures. Taşköprü, Yılanlı and Dumlu castles, Tepebağ houses, Ramazanoğlu Bazaar and Kurtkulağı Caravanserai are only some of the important landmarks of the area. Furthermore, the Kozan Castle and Monastery, Bebekli Church, Ulu Mosque and Complex, Hasan Aga, Hoşkadem and the Yağ and Yeni mosques are some of the religious sites worth the visit.

In Adana province one may explore the history of the region as well as engage in a series of sports activities. Trekking, horseback riding, hiking, scuba diving, rafting, canoeing, windsurfing and angling are

some of the adrenaline packed activities you may pursue during your stay.

You may prefer to visit the old and the new bazaars of Adana and take a look at the local specialties and handmade traditional arts and crafts on sale.

The hub of the Turkish kebabs which are well known around the globe, the cuisine of Adana will surely not disappoint you. Adana kebab, appetizers, içli köfte and cig köfte, sıkma, humus, bartefit, sırdan, mumbar dolma are some of the popular dishes, made mainly of meat, cracked wheat, flour and a variety of spices, which you may try together with local drinks such as turnip juice and ayran.

Adana is the ideal destination for vacationers who want to take a time travel to the past and taste the delicious dishes of the Anatolian cuisine.

How can I get there?

One of the most unique areas of the Mediterranean region, Adana offers rather convenient transportation options to visitors.

There are reciprocal flights between Adana Airport and a variety of national and international airports. The shuttles, public buses and taxis stationed outside of the airport gates will take you to the desired destination within Adana province.

Another way to get to Adana is to take one of the intercity buses from any city in Turkey to Adana. The buses and taxis waiting at the Adana central bus terminal will take you any destination within the province. With so much to offer Adana is surely worth the visit!

Events

Recognized as a city where cultural variety equals with harmony and visitors are welcomed with great hospitality, Adana is also the venue of major festivals.

Organized in June every year, the International Altın Koza (Golden Cocoon) Festival is considered a major film festival well known for its national as well as international film competitions. The festival, which organizes also a variety of screening sessions, is one of the major activities in Adana not to be missed.

The Cherry Festival, Imamoğlu Peach Festival and Sarimasi Olive Festival are some of the festivities in town introducing the agricultural products of the region together with a variety of entertaining activities. The Beyaz Yunus (White Dolphin) Culture, Arts, Music and Sports Festival and the Karakucak Wrestling Festival are some of the major sports festivities of the area.

Many other festivals and activities are held in Adana province throughout the year. Adana offers a wide range of festivals and activities some of which will surely appeal to you.