

Bolu



Bolu: Well known for its cuisine and great contributions to Turkish culinary culture, Bolu ranks also among the cities that fascinate visitors with their lush nature.

The early settlement of the city dates back to 5500 BC but Bolu has retained its importance and original façade from the ancient times to the present day.

Located in the Western Black Sea region and home to the most beautiful landscape, Bolu offers completely different scenic views in every season.

Well-known since the Ottoman Era for its talented cooks, the province has made major contributions to the Turkish and Ottoman cuisine and has become the cradle of the world's most successful chefs.

The venue of many festivals Bolu welcomes visitors any season of the year offering both scenic beauties and tasty dishes. Tourists who want to explore what Bolu has to offer are welcome any time of the year.



How can I get there?

Located in the Western Black Sea region and in the vicinity of Istanbul, Bolu is one of the most preferred cities for weekend getaways.

Bolu is easily accessible via intercity buses from Istanbul and other major cities around Turkey. The developed transportation network of the city allows easy access to Abant or Yedigöller.

Travel enthusiasts eager to get to know the cuisine and natural wonders of Bolu may take a short trip to the area by bus or their own car.

Attractions

One of the most advanced cities of Turkey blessed with a rich cultural and historical heritage and an abundant flora and fauna Bolu offers numerous niceties to taste and to see.

Bolu attracts the attention of nature lovers particularly for its Yedigöller National Park and fascinates visitors with completely different scenic views in every season. Offering convenient locations for angling, trekking and camping, Yedigöller will inspire you to take stunning photos of the most beautiful colors of the region.

Abant, among the most precious natural wonders in the province, is perhaps one of the most romantic corners of Turkey. Blessed with a magnificent nature Abant is an ideal spot for outdoor sports such as paragliding.

Kartalkaya which is one of Turkey's leading winter sports centers is located in Bolu too. Kartalkaya is the mecca of adrenaline enthusiasts who prefer advanced facilities with a wide choice of ski slopes and oxygen-laden nature.

Offering a variety of plateaus in high altitude Bolu will restore your peace of mind with its lush nature. Moreover, a wide range of hot springs are waiting for visitors in this province blessed with natural resources of therapeutic value.

Well known for its contributions to the Ottoman and Turkish cuisines and its talented chefs, Bolu is the ideal holiday destination for gourmets. Visitors in Bolu should not miss the chance to taste the delicious local dishes, pine honey, cream and butter and sweets such as hazelnut candies and the special chocolates of Bolu. The pine-scented cologne of Bolu that will delight you with its exquisite scent is another specialty of the region.

Moreover, the historical Turkish houses in the districts of Mudurnu and Göynük and the Seban Rock homes will take their visitors on a time travel to the past and acquaint them with the traditional daily life of the region.

Vacationers interested in the precious natural sites of Bolu should not miss the opportunity to visit the area and book their holiday in advance.

Events

Among the most popular cities of Turkey, well-known for its lush nature, rich history and peculiar flavors Bursa perpetuates and promotes its values through festivals organized around the year.

The Karagöl Festival held in the last week of May and the Apple Festival organized in the first week of October are among the most enjoyable festivities in Bolu. The scene of many events, concerts and oil wrestling competitions, the festivals host a great number of guests every year.

The Mengen Cooks and Tourism Festival, one of the most important events in Bolu, is carried out in the third week of June every year.

Aimed at bringing together skilled chefs and contributing to the diversification of flavors the festival familiarizes visitors also with the diverse specialties of Bolu.

Well-known also for the organization of Akşemseddin, Şehriman, Babahızır and Ummü Kemal commemoration days, this beautiful city welcomes visitors all the year round!