

Trabzon



Trabzon: Mentioned in the memoirs of Marco Polo and Evliya Çelebi, Trabzon, with its cultural and natural riches, is a livable city throughout the seasons.

The city, which was initially named as Trazepos, lies in a beautiful countryside between the Black Sea coast and the mountains Zigane.

The city, which had lived under the reign of many civilizations throughout centuries, was taken by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror during the Ottoman Conquest. It eventually became a city of the Republic of Turkey that was founded in 1923.

The festivities and activities organized in this city, famous for its folk dances and authentic instrument, the fiddle, provide for great entertainment.

Trabzon attracts the attention primarily for its silver and gold processing; and is famous for its specially designed bracelets called "Trabzon Bileziği."

A trading center of increasing value Trabzon, thanks to its rainy climate, is also rich in fertile lands.

Blessed with all colors of green the city invites visitors to discover its natural wonders!



Events

Trabzon province, which fascinates everyone with its scenic beauty, is particularly popular for its festivals organized in the highlands especially in the summer months.

Organized generally in July and August the highland festivals are held at places such as Karadag, Kadirga, Alaca Uğurlu or Yeşiltepe and provide for a pleasant time.

The Keşan Culture and Fishing Festival is related with the local culture and fishing which is the major economic activity of the region. You will not like missing this event if you think of the specialties that may be offered at this festival.

The Nuts and Cherry Laurel Festival organized by the end of July every year offers a variety of entertaining activities alongside the best crops of organic farming.

The Macka Culture, Tourism and Art Festival, on the other hand, is host to a variety of concerts, tournaments, interviews, and shows.

Furthermore, the Çayırbağı Potato, Corn and Culture and Arts Festival and the Sürmene Culture and Tourism Festival aim to preserve and promote the cultural values of Trabzon.

There are still many other festivals and events welcoming their guests in Trabzon; and of course, you are invited too!

Attractions

Trabzon which diligently preserves the remaining monuments of the many civilizations that have ruled the city is a favorite city among visitors for its protected natural heritages. The city offers a variety of enjoyable activities that can be done within the province of Trabzon. Sumela Monastery is a historical Greek Orthodox monastery and church situated at the foothills of Karadağ Mountain near to Maçka in Trabzon province. Built under the order of Byzantine Emperor Theodosius I in 400 A.D., the monastery astonishes visitors with its magnificent architecture and vast green landscape offered on site.

Uzungöl and Sera Lake are only two of the most peaceful corners of Trabzon. The soothing sound of gently flowing streams will take you another world. And the fish you will taste here will leave a pleasant taste in your mouth.

The Hagia Sophia Museum, which has remained in its original state since the 13th century, is an important cultural center that preserves the relics of the Byzantine, Seljuk and Georgian culture. The Trabzon Museum, constructed by the beginning of the 20th century, consists of two mansions that attract the attention for their artistic features.

Boztepe is surely the right address for those who would enjoy a cup of tea while watching the magnificent view of Trabzon. You should make sure that you take your camera with you as Boztepe is well known for its magnificent sunset views.

Çalköy cave and the cave in Akarsu village are natural caves with impressive structures. Exploring these caves filled with stalactites and stalagmites is a challenging adventure in itself.

You will be amazed by the sports opportunities offered in Trabzon if you like to do sports during your vacation. You can do a variety of sports activities such as jeep safari, trekking, canoeing, mountaineering or paragliding in the abundant pristine nature of Trabzon province.

One of the best aspects of the Black Sea region are the highlands located near to the cities. The high plateaus, where nature meets the sky amidst the vast fertile lands, are among the most beautiful attractions of Trabzon. You should absolutely not miss the opportunity to see this corner of pristine nature.

There are some beaches along the coastline of Trabzon where you can swim and there is also a well-developed marina.

The cuisine of Trabzon is a feast in itself. Stuffed collards, kaygana, corn bread, trout fried in butter, Hamsiköy sütlac, Trabzon butter are only some of the local delicacies that visitors must definitely try.

Apart from that, the folk dances of Trabzon reflect the costumes and sense of rhythm of the region. There is hardly anyone who does not like this colorful and entertaining show.

The traditional crafts of the region include are grinding, stone and wood processing, copper working, jewelry making and weaving. You may consider buying some examples of these labor intensive handicrafts as souvenirs for your family and friends.

Trabzon offers limitless pastime activities for your consideration.

How can I get there?

Trabzon has become easily accessible thanks to the newly built motorway and the airport is in service as well. Furthermore, the city center has an advanced transportation network.

The Trabzon Airport is the largest airport of the Black Sea region that receives mutual flights and shortens the distances between many cities every day. The shuttles and taxis stationed outside of the exit gates take their passengers to their destination in the shortest time possible.

Covering a large area, the Black Sea coastal road and highway not only shortens your road trip but offers also a beautiful view of the landscape along the coast that makes the journey enjoyable. The bus terminal is only 1.5 km away from the city center that can be reached by taking one of the taxi dolmushes stationed on site.

Trabzon is only one flight ticket away for travelers who want to spend their holiday in one of the most scenic corners of the world!