

# Welcome to Trabzon

TOP-20

What to do?

## Top 10 things to do outside of Trabzon

- See “Turkish Switzerland” at Uzungöl Lake
- Marvel at the rock-carved Orthodox monastery Panagia Sumela in Altındere Vadisi Milli Parkı National Park
- Take a tour of the mountain tea plantations in Rize
- Enjoy nature in one of the greenest places in Turkey – the town of Çamlıhemşin
- Relax in the thermal springs and take in the panoramic views of Ayder Plateau, often compared to the Alps
- Hike around the Ayder, Huser, or Pokut plateaus for lake and waterfall landscapes
- Visit Hıdırnebi Plateau: mountain air, lush greenery, and breathtaking views
- Explore the Çal Cave, often called the “hidden paradise” and “mystical world”
- Walk through Sürmene Camburnu National Park, where pine forests meet the sea
- Ride a water bike and dine at a fish restaurant on Sera Lake

## Hidden treasures of Trabzon

- Stroll through Zagnos Valley Park, complete with an aqueduct, waterfall, and amphitheater
- Admire the Black Sea from the panoramic viewpoint at the Botanical Garden
- Climb Boztepe Hill, sip tea in the teahouses, and find the best view of the city and sea
- Watch the sunset in the pine forest at the villa of the first president, Mustafa Atatürk
- Admire ancient frescoes at the local Hagia Sophia
- Shop at Forum Mall, Trabzon Cevahir, or the markets
- Walk along Uzun Sokak, reminiscent of İstiklal Street in Istanbul
- Relax in a café at the city’s main square, Meydan Park
- Dive into the underwater world at Trabzon Akvaryum’s tunnel aquarium
- Climb up to the city fortress



## What to bring back?

- Copper items from local artisans
- Turkish sweets
- Local tea
- Local hazelnuts
- Leather goods



## What to try?

- Seafood, especially fried Black Sea anchovies
- Turkish tea brewed in a traditional samovar
- Trabzon-style pide
- Cornmeal porridge with muhlama cheese
- Hamsiköy rice pudding

