



# POS-04 Southeastern Anatolia: Megaliths at the Brink of Human Civilization 16 – 19 NOVEMBER

Explore the historical and cultural wonders of southeastern Türkiye, a region known for its rich heritage and stunning landscapes. Gaziantep offers a glimpse into traditional craftsmanship at Bıçakçılar Çarşısı and showcases the ancient art of mosaic-making at the Zeugma Mosaic Museum. Take a leisurely boat trip in the peaceful town of Halfeti, where the scenery is enhanced by the partially submerged ruins of the Birecik Dam. Discover Göbeklitepe, believed to be the world's oldest man-made structure, and marvel at the mysterious stone pillars that dot the landscape. In Şanlıurfa, visit the sacred Balıklıgöl, a reflection pool with a mythological past, and explore the historical artifacts at the Şanlıurfa Museum. Southeastern Türkiye invites you to immerse yourself in its fascinating history and natural beauty, offering a unique blend of ancient wonders and cultural treasures.





### **DAY 1 / 16 NOV SAT/ ARRIVAL**

Meet at your hotel at 06:30 for flight to Gaziantep with TK2222 0925 – 11:10. Upon arrival, meet at the airport with SATW Conference logo sign . Your day in Gaziantep promises a rich blend of culture, history, and culinary delights. Your first stop is Bakırcılar Çarşısı, a bustling bazaar renowned for its exquisite copperware and vibrant atmosphere, providing a window into the city's craftsmanship and traditions. You will be transferred to a local restaurant for a delicious lunch featuring regional specialties between 12:30 – 13:30 Following a visit to the bazaar, enjoy a coffee break at the historic Tahmis Kahvesi, where you can savor traditional Turkish coffee. After some free time to wander the streets or shop. Transfer to your hotel, check-in, and refresh. Transfer to a local restaurant for dinner at Hukukçular Derneği between 19:30 – 21:00. Overnight Ramada Hotel. (D)

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## **DAY 2 / 17 NOV SUN / ŞANLIURFA**

Start your day with a breakfast at the hotel. Meet your guide at 09:00. Post-lunch, immerse yourself in the ancient world with a visit to the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, home to spectacular mosaics and artifacts from the Roman city of Zeugma. After absorbing the museum's wonders, we will have a scenic transfer to Halfeti which will take about 1,5 hours. Halfeti is a charming town where a boat trip offers stunning views of the sunken old town. Enjoy a leisurely lunch on board, taking in the serene surroundings. Continue to Şanlıurfa. Overnight Hilton garden Inn. (B/L/D)

- All ancient cities are flat and easy to walk, tennis shoes will be perfect.





### **DAY 3 / 18 NOV MON/ GÖBEKLİTEPE - ŞANLIURFA**

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll head to Göbeklitepe, the drive will take about 30 minutes. Göbeklitepe offers a fascinating glimpse into early human civilization and religious practices. Continue your cultural exploration with a transfer to Şanlıurfa City Center, where you'll visit Balıklıgöl, the sacred fishpond revered in Islamic tradition, and the Şanlıurfa Archeology Museum, home to a vast collection of artifacts tracing back to prehistoric times. Following these enriching experiences, you'll check in to your hotel in Şanlıurfa for a brief rest at 18:00. The day culminates with a transfer to a vibrant Turkish Traditional Night, where you'll enjoy an evening of local cuisine, music, and dance, encapsulating the rich tapestry of Turkish culture. Overnight Hilton garden Inn Hotel. (B/L/D)

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### **DAY 4 /19 NOV TUE/ DEPARTURE**

Meet at the hotel at 07:30 and transfer to the airport for your flight to İstanbul with TK2243 10:10 – 12:20. Arrival at İstanbul Airport is at 12:20. (B)

**What's Included:**

- All hotel accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, all taxes and breakfast included.
- All meals, as indicated: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner. (B/L/D)
- Water, soft drinks and limited alcoholic beverage with meals included.
- Professional English-speaking guide and all expenses.
- Air-conditioned tour bus with professional driver, minibus with 14 seats for 4-12 pax, Midibus with 31 seats for 13 - 15 pax.
- All tours and all group transfers as mentioned in itinerary.
- All parking fees and toll roads.
- All entrance fees and admissions.
- Baggage handling.
- Domestic Flights.
- Boat trip at Halfeti

**Not Included:**

- International flights
- Turkish bath, massage, etc.
- Visa to Türkiye.