

Our organization acts in the aim of accelerating the regional development responsively with policies and principles stated in national plans and programmes; providing the sustainability and decreasing the interregional and intra regional development differences by improving the corporations between private sector and non-governmental organizations, which they are the partners; providing the usage of the sources effectively and properly; and putting the local potentials in action. In addition, DOKA (Eastern Black Sea Development Agency) promote the region at the national and international area.

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**Artvin** It consists of the the borderline between Turkey and Georgia. The Sarp Border Gate, which highway transportation of modern silk road (annually 5 millions people using) is provided, is situated in this province borders. It is accessed to Caucasia, Central Asia and China thru this gate. Artvin is popular by its green geography, mountains and lakes. Karagöller (Black-lakes) is worthseeing in autumn season. The second fastest running river of the world named Çoruh is here. Artvin is also popular with bull fightings, and this activity is held in July every year by a festival along with a great number of foreigner guests' attendance.

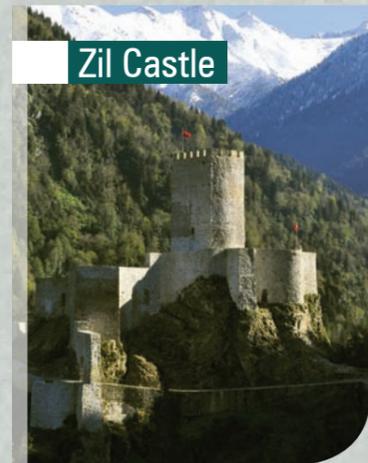
**Giresun** In Giresun, which amazon women used to live in ancient periods, the traces of still belong to those periods welcome to visitors and tourists. Amazon women, whom they used to be famous by their arrow shooting skills, and their mythology arouse interests on everyone. In month July, an international ceremonies and celebration are held where Aksu river meet the sea. The Giresun Island, which is clearly seemed by Giresun, is also drawn attention. Also Kümbet and Bektaş Highlands are the famous highlands of the province.

**Gümüşhane** It is only the inland city of Black Sea Region. The ancient cities aligned among the mountains; Chrome Valley, recent era Santa Valley and Rain Forrest Valley are like outdoor museums. In this city, which is popular by the caves inside the massifs (mountains), The Cave Karaca attracts tourists and is open to visit. Gümüşhane province is also an attractive city by its golden and silver mines. Another branch of The Silk Road passes also thru Gümüşhane.

**Ordu** It is the most western side city of Eastern Black Sea. When travelled by highway, there is a delightful view of the sea and the mountains along the roadside. It is seen the fishing ports aligned one after another and fishing nets spilled in the sea. Typical regional wooden houses of the last of their kinds, which are situated on the dip slopes facing the sea give us a very pretty view. Black Sea mountain range till Artvin starts from Ordu. The highlands among the mountains presents unmissable views. The most famous of them is Mendersler on Perşembe Highland.

**Rize** Rize is reserved a merely treasure for those whom they wish an ecotourism. It is accessed to Kaçkars, where Blacksea mountain range goes to top, from the border of this province. The mountain is the best route for trekkings. Along the road decorated with flowers, possible to see oftenly the rapid running waters, green valleys and local people's mountain houses. When reached to the top hills; glacial lakes, smoke clouds and snow welcome the people. Rize is the homeland of natural tea production. Amazing smells from tea gardens surround the atmosphere. Ayder Highland is an indispensable visiting spot of Eastern Black Sea Region with its wooden houses, grass gardens and hot spring refreshment facilities.

**Trabzon** It is a coastal town (port city) where Silk Road meets Black Sea. Due to being the shortest and safest way, it used to call "Golden Way" for Trabzon crossroad of Silk Road. In the meantime, it is a city of the civilizations. It pioneers to Eastern Black Sea Region even today as did in the past. Trabzon, which has an international airport, is in 1 hour-flight-distance to Istanbul. Besides the historical mosques inside the city center, it is popular by the monasteries built on green valleys of the ridges. The most splendid one of those is Sumela Monastery. Uzungöl, that is between the green mountains, is a relaxing vacation place with its pine forests, wooden chalets and atmosphere with plenty of oxygen.



**Zil Castle**

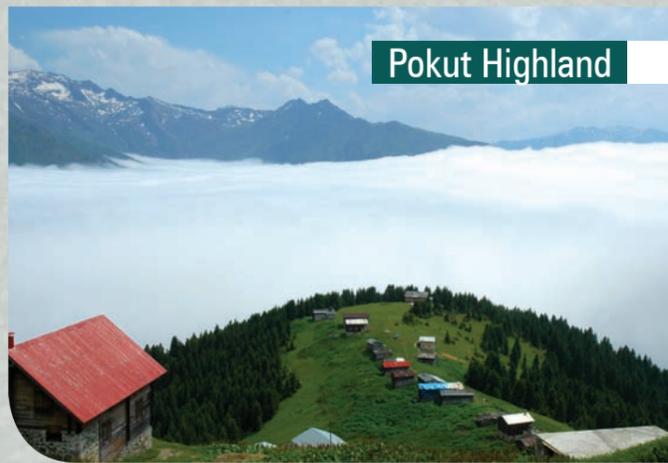
It is the one of the most remarkable opuses in the region of town Çamlıhemşin, Rize Province. It was placed at the western slopes of Fırtına Deresi (Storm Stream). The cliff that the castle was built on is 750 mts high from the sea (level) and approx. 100 mts high from the streambed. The castle is constituted of outer walls, central walls and inner castle. Vertical lined pipe housing inside the walls, perhaps, had provided waters for the encased cisterns.



**Ayder Highland**



Ayder Highland, which is located on 16 kms away southeast of town Çamlıhemşin and in 1250 mts level, provides a natural freshness with its various accomodation facilities for the ones exhausted from the summer heat. The highland, which its all needs for the tourism have been met, beside its rich flora and fauna, is the most preferable vacation place in the region with its hot spring. In winter season, also a traditional Snowball Festival is held.

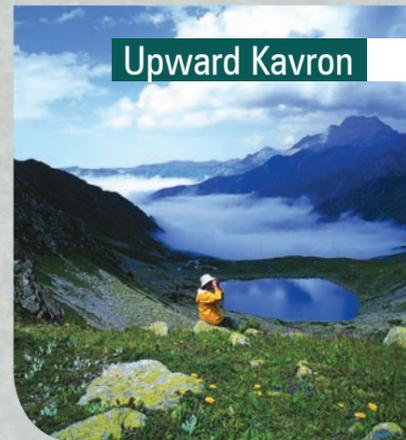


**Pokut Highland**

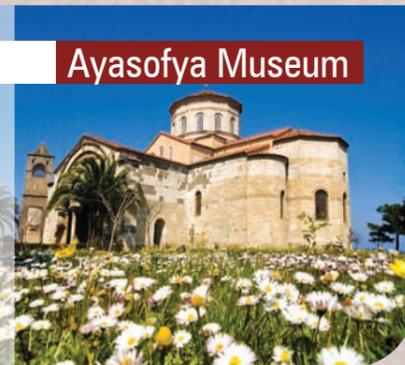
Pokut Highland; is located in Çalıhemşin town of Rize province and is the highland that is taken picture of, mainly. The trekking activities to watch the view of the fog clouds occuring on the highland is also performed walking thru the fog clouds. Because Pokut Highland receives the winds of Blacksea, on this highland the trees are available and grown. For the summer seasons, it is an ideal resting, refreshment place.



**Upward Kavron**



At Kavron Passage with downward Kavron highland that is in 10 kms distance to Ayder and Upward Kavron Highland which is in 14 kms distance and in 2300 mts level, it is possible to catch the unforgettable images of Major Kaçkar and Girdled Kaçkar. In this geography which you would find The Kaçkars in all splendor of them before you, to watch the sunrise is another unmissable great beauty.



**Ayasofya Museum**

Hagia Sophia Museum, which is one of the last Bizantian era opuses, is open to visit as a museum, today. It is accepted that it was built in the reign of King Manuel I (1250-1260) of Komnenos State in Trabzon. A bell tower of 25 mts height was added to the western part of the structure in 1427. It is famous by the scene of being expelled from paradise of Adam and Eve.



**Orta Mahalle**



Wooden and garden houses in Eastern Blacksea are built onto the slopes and are with sea view. Central Quarter Houses, that are under protection now, are the last samples of these centuries old tradition. Streets and gardens of Central Quarter Houses, which the local residents live in, are decorated with flowers. By the watching balconies located at Central Quarter, whitnesses for live of thousand years are done.

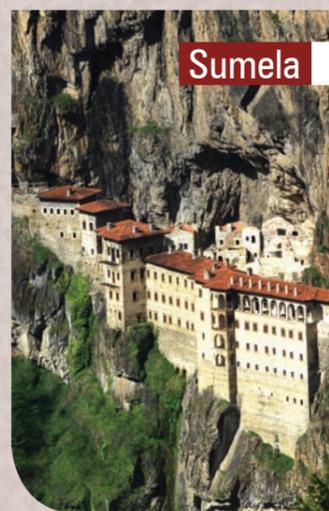


**Uzungöl Natural Park**

It is in 1090 level and Çaykara town. It is attractive with the nature and forest around the lake, accomodation facilities made in wooden, copiously produced trouts and the mosque named Çifte Minare (Twin Minarets) around the lake. The best season to visit for Uzungöl, which actually could be visited any season during the year, is autumn to see the every natural colors.



It is in 1600 level and 44 kms far from Trabzon center. Transportation is provided via town Mağka. It is located in Altındere National Park. It was built on the lower and front side of the massive block stone, which is constituting the peak of the mountain and is surrounded by the forests and is located in 200 mts high from the Meryemana (sumela) stream that runs thru valley. The massive block stone is watched astonishingly by the below basement of Meryemana (sumela) ruins site, which constituted an integrity with the mountain and the forest on the sheer slope ahead. It is open to visit in every season of the year.



**Sumela**

Artvin Giresun Gümüşhane Ordu Rize Trabzon

# History - Culture - Eco Tourism

## Eastern Black Sea Region

'Your Heaven on Earth'



# Artvin

## Karagöl



Karagöl looks like a crystal mirror in a colorful frame when visited in autumn. Reflections are so much beautiful that as if all the beauties around, also exist in the lake likewise. Impossible to skip to see the Karagöl when you come to Borçka.



## Hell Canyon



Ardanuç.. is the last castle (point) on the passageway of blacksea's humid climate into eastern anatolia. The rain releases all its drops down onto the fertile soils of Artvin. The water, as in entire Artvin, is also here the biggest power of nature. Canyon of Hell River is one of the best samples of showing the abrasive power of blacksea rivers.

Maçahel .. a gate opening to the neverland. When you enter this door, you may imagine that the life is constituted with green and its tunes. In this valley, one feels in a dream. Some say "paradise on earth", and some say "hidden paradise". This valley, that is located in one of the back of the beyond in our country, is important with its wonderful nature and beautiful people, whom they lead a meaningful and proper life among this nature. As to Maral Waterfall, it is also an unique value of this hidden paradise.

## Maral Waterfall



## Arsiyan Highland



The small lakes, that are located in Arsiyan highland close to Ardahan border, meet you gleaming like the eyes looking at the sky. Wherever you look in the highland, you may see always a lake and a gleaming. Şavşat villages and highlands are the ones of the most untouched, beautiful and cutest rural settlements.



# Giresun

## Giresun Island



The island is sometimes subject to the mythological legends and tales. The characters of Hercules and Argonot mentioned in Golden Fur are identified with the island. Today the island is a very important value in cultural and historical meaning.



In the Eastern Black Sea region where the finest quality hazelnut grows in the world, "Giresun Quality Hazelnut" comes to the forefront as an important brand value.



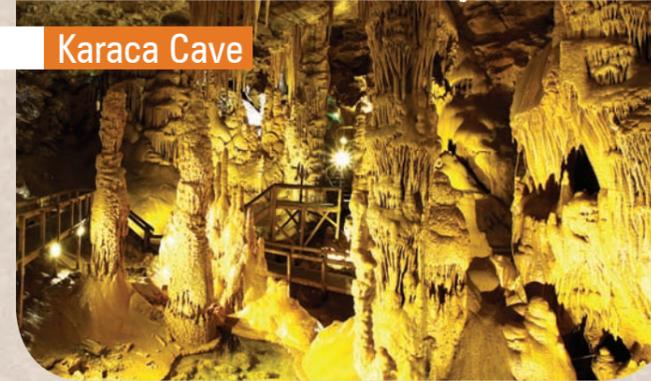
## Bektaş Highland



Giresun highlands; presents some therapy fields of delighting natural beauties with its refreshing green color, breathing the fresh air, knowing the regional culture and being interested in nature sport activities. The most important one of those is Bektaş Highland that has been declared as a Tourism center. It is usually preferred to visit by the visitors in summer seasons.

# Gümüşhane

## Karaca Cave



Karaca Cave is a very rich regarding formations of dripstones. The formations of stalactites, dickites, columns, flag shaped and curtain shaped dripstones, cave flowers, cave pearls, elephant ears (alocasias), travertine pools and stairs are available inside the cave and plus the cave roses are formed on the small dickites that arise from stalactite pools.



Santa ruins are an important religious, commercial and cultural site since 17<sup>th</sup> centry. Santa ruins are situated in borders of today's Dumanlı village. It has just 7 neighbourhoods. Santa, which is rich regarding historical opuses, has also feature of a highland due to its natural location.



## Santa Ruins



# Ordu

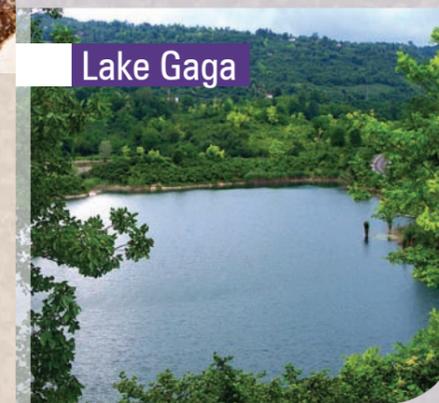
## Ordu-Boztepe



Ordu province has been spreaded out on the slopes of Boztepe. It is in 350 mts level from the sea, and watching the beauties of our province and the gorgeousness of blacksea from Boztepe in every season of the year is peerless. Also food and beverage, accomodation facilities, and forestly picnic sites are available inside.

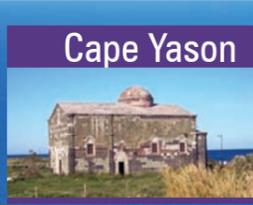


## Lake Gaga



In Ordu province which reserves all kind of tourism variety inside; Fatsa is a living proof regarding the Anatolian history is not only consisted of ancient cities revealed in egean and mediterranean. Come to Fatsa of Ordu; see the Lake Gaga, Cingirt Rock Tombs, Göreği Monastery. And Get heal at Sarmaşık hot springs.

## Cape Yason



It is situated in west of town Perşembe of Ordu province and be in borders of Çaytepe village. It is an archeological site area in first degree and a natural protected area in second degree. Its natural beauties are worthseeing. It became to a tourism attraction center by opening the church (built date 1869) to visit repairing it and environment monitoring in accordance to original form. Only the peninsula along the blacksea coasts is here where a church is available on it. In summer seasons, the sunsets and and sunrises can be watched by naked eye. On and around the peninsula, food and beverage, picnic sites are available.



## Menderesler



Regarding protecting and registering the Menderesler Highland of Perşembe as a world heritage site, now all Works have come to the final step. It is ideal to get rest, have picnic and for safari and paragliding. In the highland, also unique natural wonders, historical places and areas.